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El Cerrito's future unclear after the defeat of Measure H

Proponents bracing for service cuts; looking at next election

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Citizens who worked diligently to see Measure H pass haven't quite "re-grouped" since its defeat last week. Two leaders look to the El Cerrito City Council to plan a future strategy. It was the council that placed the Fire Suppression Assessment District on the ballot in the first place at the recommendation of a citizens' task force, though with some deviations from the group's specific recommendations.

Pat and Brad Catfel served on the Neighbor to Neighbor Task Force which first recommended the \$75 residential assessment. In its final report to the council, that group did not address the issue of including a sunset clause. Catfel also told the council that the task force was "divided" on the issue of including an index for inflation in the fire benefit assessment (and in the Land-use and Lighting Assessment, Measure G) and could thus make no

recommendation on that factor.

When the council opted to ask the community for \$125, to include an inflation index and no sunset clause, the Catfells were among those who decided to support the measure anyway.

Earlier this week, Pat Catfel expressed her disappointment in the election results.

"I'm worried about the future of the community," she said. "That's why Brad and I got involved in the first place; we wanted what was best for our community."

"I am worried, because I think there will be service cuts that nobody believed would happen. I'm concerned that will affect the quality of life for all of us."

(Some council members have indicated that there will be municipal service cuts, as funds are transferred from general services to police and fire costs to make up for lost revenues. Some opponents to Measure H have recommended using reserve funds to cover expenses

until the community passes a fire service assessment with different parameters.)

Catfel added that she has no particular suggestions as yet "as to what we can do about it."

Julie Rogers feels the same way. Rogers chaired the citizens' committee supporting Measure H.

"The community has clearly spoken, but it's hard to know what they said. Did they say they don't want to support the fire department? Did they say they were confused (about the issues)?"

Rogers suspects the latter might well be the case.

"If there's another attempt to put something on the ballot, we have to do a better job of educating the voters," she said. "I'm sure the community supports the fire department. If they could understand the problems (of an understaffed) fire department, of having just three police officers on a shift...."

"We have a strong community in See PROPONENTS, page 10

Opponents gearing up for new measure; want lower rate

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — One week after Measure H was defeated at the polls, opponents are gearing up for the next election. They expect a new proposal for the establishment of a Fire Benefit Assessment District to appear on the March ballot. At least two active opposition leaders hope they'll be able to support the assessment in the next round.

The specifics of the assessment district will have to change if opposition is to turn to support.

Had Measure H passed, residential property owners would have been assessed \$125 annually per parcel; owners of other types of properties would have been assessed more, according to a set formula. The assessment would have risen (or dropped) each year according to the Consumer Price Index; the assessment would have been permanent, since no sunset clause was included.

Those aspects of the proposal

were often cited by the opposition as reasons to vote against Measure H. Some stated their preference for a \$75 assessment rather than the \$125. The lower figure had been recommended to the El Cerrito City Council by a citizens' task force; the council had opted for a higher figure.

Bill Kerber, owner of the Free-way Motel and chair of the Business People Against Measure H Committee, believes it was defeated because the city "went against the wishes of the business people and the whole population in changing the number (from a \$75 proposal to \$125)." The inclusion of the "escalator clause" and exclusion of a sunset clause might have had even stronger negative impacts on the vote, he said.

Ann Delehunt, of El Cerrito Neighborhoods Coalition, said the vote against Measure H sends a message for the city to work more closely with residents.

"It should be recognized that citi-

zen involvement in community forums is a reciprocal process. Citizens generously give their time and energy to address problems and help resolve issues and the council is obliged to incorporate citizen recommendations in their planning," she said.

Kerber characterized the feeling of many opponents as "anger" about the proposed district, particularly among business owners who would have paid significantly more than \$125 annually.

"The business community feels the formula they used for the assessment is unfair," he said, adding that his motel would have been assessed \$750 if the \$125 residential figure had passed.

"Businesses will pay five to six times what householders pay. Surely I don't pose six times the risk as a residence. If a residence is charged \$75, charge me \$150, charge me \$200." (Commercial property as-

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Voters go for open space, reject other city measures

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Despite a vigorous three-month campaign to persuade them to do otherwise, voters put their money where the City Council's mouth is last week and approved Measure R by a healthy 61 per-

cent. The victory comes in the wake of an at times vicious campaign which resulted in the suspension of the Northern Alameda County Group of the Sierra Club for alleged violation of club policy. Landowners cannot be assessed \$69 per equivalent residential unit for purchase of land atop Albany Hill, creek restoration and playfield acquisition.

Other city-sponsored initiatives did not fare so well. Measures L, M and N, which would have made the offices of Police Chief, City Attorney and City Treasurer appointed instead of elected, went down in 2-to-1 margins. Measure O, a council-sponsored initiative relating to the appointment and removal of citizen volunteers, failed by approximately the same vote, while the competing citizen-sponsored measure squeaked out a narrow victory.

The election, results of which were not released until late Friday afternoon, produced a modest 69 percent turnout, nearly 10 percent lower than the 1992 municipal election.

Although city voters had a veritable grocery list of initiatives to consider, Measure R was by far the most political potato and produced allegations of everything from a "sinister land grab effort" to violation of the Political Reform Act on the part of Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky. Although the No on R campaign did its best to torpedo the initiative, voters apparently did not believe the hype and decided to take the road to Albany's future a greener one.

"I think it's a tribute to the community," said a city point man behind the well-orchestrated Yes campaign. "It shows the voters care about the environment and care about the community."

Opponents had not one but two chances to defeat the initiative. Because of the manner in which Measure R gathers funds, property owners had their own vote to protest the assessment district through the tax will be levied. If a majority, by land area, voted, Measure R would have been quashed before a single ballot was cast. Only 23 percent pro-

The campaign also produced its share of fallout from the Sierra Club, which, apparently unhappy members straying from the flock, suspended its Northern Alameda County Group for alleged viola-

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Canine demonstration



Chester King Vega

BART opens new police zone facility

BART police officers demonstrated their K-9 force at an open house held at the Del Norte BART Station Oct. 26 at the opening of the new Police Zone Headquarters, which is part of BART's enhanced security program to decentralize its operation and have more personnel visible throughout the system.

Rubicon ready to rehab Idaho Motel; meeting tonight

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Rubicon Programs is ready to move ahead with rehabilitation of the Idaho Motel into housing units for formerly homeless persons. The non-profit Richmond agency has a long history of social service to the community. The development of a supervised housing program is a new venture.

Rubicon will host a community meeting tonight to inform the neighborhood about the project. There has been some opposition to the project from neighbor-

ing residents and business persons. They are concerned about the nature of the clientele, some of whom have shaky employment histories, others of whom may have a background of mental illness.

The community has been assured that all residents will be screened, that a social worker assigned only to project residents will live on site, and that housing is considered to be temporary until people "get on their feet" and can "move up."

Council members and others have also noted that the Idaho Motel itself has had

a shaky reputation over the years.

The meeting will be held at the Open House Senior Center.

In November, Rubicon was awarded the Low Income Housing Tax Credits it needed to proceed with its project. It was the only housing proposal in northern California to receive an allocation from Housing and Urban Development.

Rubicon anticipates acquisition of the project this week and hopes to begin the rehabilitation of the motel into 28 permanent affordable SRO housing units for formerly homeless individuals and

one resident manager unit by February.

Funding for supportive services has also been awarded by HUD.

Rubicon is requesting the following participation by the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency: repayment of the outstanding balance on a loan from the Low Income Housing Fund up to \$350,000, with the original loan from LIHF not to exceed \$750,000 at an interest rate not to exceed 7.5 percent.

Since the loan is for a term of 14

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Education, recreation focus of youth meeting

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — The Youth Master Plan found itself in the spotlight once again during a recent community forum meant to add more layers of input to the plan.

Approximately three dozen parents and Youth Task Force members made their way to the library in response to a city-wide mailing inviting residents to throw their two cents in prior completion of a final draft. Although attendance was a bit lower than hoped for, the meeting did not go without its share of new ideas as a trio of middle school students who originally showed up to babysit found themselves sitting in on the meeting and voicing their generations' concerns.

The plan, currently in draft form, is a "living" document which springs from a series of meetings held last spring by the 29-member task force. It contains six broad goals — community building, health services, recreational activities, education, family support, and communication. Under those headings are more than 65 objectives, all geared toward making the city a better place for the more than 4,000 families which live in Albany.

City Council member and task force chair Bruce Mast opened the meeting with a brief summary of the plan, which he said emphasizes prevention and long-term goals over crisis management. He said the plan was "not finished by any means," and that comments

would be taken into account at the task force's Nov. 19 meeting and incorporated with feedback gained over the past few months.

"We want something that represents the community's goals for our kids," Mast said. "For this plan to be really successful, we need a broad base of consensus in the community."

The meeting then broke into three sub-groups, where attendees had a chance to discuss the goal they felt to be most urgent. While community building and family support sparked little interest, education was a popular topic and social/recreational activities stole the show

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Election night letdowns

THE VOTERS HAVE SPOKEN. Let the figuring out what they said begin. There were so many historical firsts and imponderables in the Albany election this year, old pols like me were at sea when it came to hazarding any prediction of the outcome.

Whether or not anyone remembered or cared any longer about the card room and the extent to which Mike Brodsky would wield his considerable influence were mysteries. No one in my memory had ever mounted a write-in campaign before. In the first city election to be combined with state and nation, the biggest poser was whether people who signed up just to vote for president or Prop 209, say, might punch holes in their ballot at random when it came down to city candidates and measures. Opinions are still out.

THE OUTCOME OF THE NATIONAL election, on the other hand, was correctly predicted months ahead. The disheveled Republicans, I think, chose Bob Dole only because he had so many chits outstanding over thirty or forty years in Washington. The lowest point in his campaign, wonderful for its ineptitude overall, was his seeking the sympathy vote and I was drubbed, again, for mentioning it. "You can't say that!" they said.

Franklin Roosevelt did not downplay his need for a wheelchair merely for political reasons, although it's popular nowadays to say so. At a time when the Republicans had looted the country beyond all recognition and unemployment was 40 percent, FDR's disability, er, physical challenge, was believed to be irrelevant to his ability to dig us out of a very deep hole.

We now hear The Press conspired to hide the fact that FDR could not play golf, a primary qualification to be President in this day of enlightenment. They also left out the part where he drank gin, smoked cigarettes and, whoa, had a girlfriend besides Eleanor. Nowadays, of course, that would all be grist for the mill, fact or fiction.

"ALL I KNOW IS JUST what I read in the papers," said the famous cowboy-pundit Will Rogers. Then people actually believed what they read was true, if you can imagine that.

This week Monday morning quarterbacks Sam and Cokie and Brian repeated in amazement how the people had elected Bill Clinton because they didn't care that he's devious, dishonest, slimy and fat. Didn't care? Balderdash. They cared. They just didn't believe any of it. The drumbeat of incredible allegations drove the voters into numb disbelief, not to mention away



By Phyllis Lyon

from the polls in disgust.

I think people in the thirties would have voted for FDR even if they had known that he couldn't dance the Bunny Hop. The irony is, now that The Press has reinvented itself into a wing of government called The Media and hypocrisy is rampant, Bob Dole lost voters not only because he can't do handstands but also because of an even worse disability: He's old. Turns out all this simpering correctness is so much ballyhoo. Real feelings came out behind the curtain of the voting booth.

THE TEEVEE CHARADE that took me most aback played out in the concession and victory speeches on election night. Who was this warm, soft-spoken man admitting his loss with grace, brevity, good humor and good sense? It was Bob Dole, but where in the world had he been for the past year or so. Not on my tube. Later in Little Rock Bill Clinton appeared to be unaware he'd just been re-elected President of the United States. After a pompous, long-winded introduction by veep Al Gore, he went on — and on and on — doing the canned campaign speech we'd been hearing for months.

Don't get me wrong. I wouldn't vote for a Republican if Libby Dole had come over to my house and personally begged me to. The mystery was why Bob Dole had chosen to hide his light under a bushel.

THERE HAS BEEN WRANGLING for 51 years in DC over what's a proper memorial to FDR. Lately it's come down to whether his statue should be standing or seated in a wheelchair. One night in foggy London town I wandered into Grosvenor Square, across from the American Embassy, and came upon a splendid statue of FDR, the one I would pick. It's all black, twelve feet tall on an eight foot pedestal. He's standing, wearing the cape he often wore. He and I, who still keep in touch, agree that the fact that he is leaning on a cane is quite enough emphasis on what he could not do.

education, brought ever-lasting disruption to neighborhood and cities, and then moved on to another job, far away.

The Hill Lumber property, if it is to be developed, should become either the site of a smaller school — as suggested by a recent correspondent — or be leased to the city for other purposes, including the reinstatement of the corporation yard, and such revenues used by the district to reintroduce vital programs that were eliminated for lack of funds as well as upgrading the teachers' salaries.

The Middle School project veils future tax burdens on all Albany homeowners, and I believe it is our common duty to confront this frivolous plan and its bureaucratic agenda, and not be imposed upon for good because of sheer passivity.

Martin Willens
Albany

Neighbors come through

Editor:

Recently our daughters were involved in an unfortunate incident in which they were robbed of their backpacks. They turned for help to a man walking his dog nearby. Not only did he help them call the police, but later he and his daughter raised money from their neighbors to give to the girls so that they could replace their backpacks.

We do not know the man's name or that of his daughter. Nor do we know who the neighbors were. But we wish to thank them all for their kindness and generosity. Our girls were quite upset by what happened to them. But their neighbors' caring and thoughtfulness have helped greatly to heal the hurt they felt.

Sue Douglass
Sonia DeLima
Albany

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Police Reports

San Francisco robbery suspects nabbed in Albany

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the afternoon of Nov. 6 Albany officers observed a gray Mercury which matched the description of a vehicle which had just been involved in a robbery in San Francisco and had been chased across the Bay Bridge. Officers stopped the car and found two men, one from San Francisco and one from Oakland, who matched the description of the robbers. Both men were arrested.

On the evening of Nov. 3 a resident on the 1000 block of Neilson Street reported that the morning of the previous day thieves had stolen her cellular phone and backpack from inside her car while it was parked in front of her house. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of Nov. 5 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that his green Dodge mini-van had been stolen

from the inside parking garage. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of Nov. 5 a resident on the 1000 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that sometime earlier in the day vandals broke the window of his 1987 Plymouth while it was parked in front of his home.

At about 11:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 Albany officers stopped a white Oldsmobile near the intersection of Brighton and Stannage avenues because the registration had expired in 1994. A check revealed the driver to be a man from San Francisco who had an outstanding warrant from that city in the amount of \$5,000. He was arrested.

Shortly after midnight on Nov. 9 officers stopped a car which was driving erratically. They found a Berkeley man who was very intoxicated. He was arrested.

At about 2 a.m. on Nov. 9 officers stopped a car for minor vehicle violation and a check re-

vealed the driver had an outstanding warrant from South Dakota in the amount of \$5,000 for the same sales. He was arrested.

On the morning of Nov. 6 Albany officers were called to an apartment on the 800 block of Solano Avenue regarding a day who had been evicted but who had apparently moved back in. The Pri had attempted to allude police by changing the number on the tag of the apartment, but since there were only eight apartments, officers were not easily fooled. He was arrested for trespassing.

During the week of Nov. 6 Albany officers fingerprinted people at their request, towed cars, responded to 33 false alarms, intervened in 11 domestic disputes, attended to two deceased persons, assisted five people who were locked out of their houses or responded to two reports of lost dogs. Albany paramedics responded to 15 medical emergencies.

Unknown male hit trick-or-treater in El Cerrito

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — A 10-year-old trick-or-treater reported that she was hit by an unknown male in the 400 block of Everett Street at about 7:45 p.m. Oct. 31.

Two groups of Asian teens attacked each other in a gas station parking lot in the 10600 block of San Pablo Avenue at about 7:30 p.m. Oct. 31. One person struck another on the head with a semi-automatic weapon.

A San Pablo man and a Richmond man were arrested for strong arm robbery in an incident that began as a shoplift at the Big 5 Sporting Goods store. An employee tried to stop the first suspect for carrying concealed merchandise. The suspect then punched him. The second suspect also hit the victim. The incident occurred at about 2:40 p.m. Nov. 2. Clothing and miscellaneous items were recovered.

An Oakland female juvenile was attacked in the parking lot at Target at about 6:20 p.m. Oct. 27. The suspects were described as between 20 and 22 years of age and about six feet tall. The woman was about 250 pounds, the man about 180 pounds.

Two male juvenile suspects threatened an 11-year-old boy in the 1700 block of the BART path between 2 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. Nov. 1. They then stole his bike. One suspect was described as a black male, 16 or 17 years old, about 5-foot 6-inches in height and 130 pounds, the second as a black male, 14 or 15 years old, 5-foot 5-inches tall, about 120 pounds.

Two men, one white, one Hispanic, with no further description given, hit an 11-year-old and took his wallet and BART ticket Oct. 31 at about 2:30 p.m. The incident occurred on the BART path east of El Cerrito Plaza.

Two Asian men knocked a bag out of an El Cerrito woman's hands, then stole it, in the 800 block of Norvell Street at about 2:20 p.m. Oct. 31.

A number of garage burglaries were reported. Someone entered a garage with bolt cutters in the 400 block of Everett during the daytime Oct. 31; nothing was

reported stolen.

A garage window was broken in the 2600 block of Monta Vista during the night of Oct. 28; tools were taken.

A garage was entered by unknown means in the 5800 block of Ray Avenue during the night of Oct. 26; property was taken from two vehicles.

Someone cut a garage lock in the 1300 block of Arlington Boulevard during the daytime Nov. 4; a closet was rifled, nothing taken.

A garage door was pried open in the 2500 block of Yuba Avenue during the early morning hours of Nov. 7; a bike, chainsaw and camping equipment were taken.

An attempt to bypass a garage lock in the 1100 block of Richmond Street between Nov. 4 and 5 was unsuccessful.

Someone took 29 wood screws off a residential window in the 5900 block of Jordan Avenue at 3 a.m. Oct. 28; entry was not successful. An attempt to pull a kitchen window off track in the 5200 block of Ernest Avenue between 7:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Oct. 31 was also unsuccessful.

Someone set a small fire in the field behind Winston Tires at about 7:30 a.m. Oct. 22.

Someone stole towels from a dryer at Sunshine Cleaners between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Oct. 27.

A petty theft was reported in the 1600 block of Arlington Boulevard between Aug. 4 and 16. Construction had been going on at the home.

A wallet and backpack were taken from the Fairmount school property between 4 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Nov. 6.

Three arrests were made for driving under the influence and possession of methamphetamines; all arrests were made on San Pablo Avenue. A Pinole man was arrested at Manila at 2:10 a.m., Nov. 9. Two Carmichael women were arrested at Moeser at 4:10 a.m. Nov. 3.

A Berkeley man arrested at Fairmount at 1:50 a.m., Nov. 5, was also accused of possession of a deadly weapon.

A prowler was reported in the 6600 block of Lincoln at about 1:24 a.m. Nov. 2.

A bike was reported stolen from a front yard in the 1200 block of Everett between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Nov. 4.

A jacket was taken from a 1991 Ford Explorer parked in the 6400 block of Blake Street during the daytime Nov. 5. The car had shattered a steering column in an attempt to steal the vehicle.

Several vehicles were involved with nothing reported stolen. A trunk was ransacked in the block of Manila during the night of Oct. 29; nothing was reported stolen.

Between Nov. 2 and 3, several vehicles were entered in the block of Humboldt and the block of Conlon with nothing taken. In the 6300 block of Conlon a pair of sunglasses was during the same period of time.

Someone ransacked a trunk and glovebox in the block of Humboldt during the night of Nov. 2. During the time Nov. 4, someone stole a glovebox after prying open the door; the incident occurred in a rear parking lot in the 9900 block of San Pablo Avenue.

Eight other auto burglaries were reported. On Nov. 5, one took a cellular phone from a pickup parked on San Pablo Avenue near Sacramento at 10 p.m.

A stereo and computer equipment were reported stolen from a car parked in the 7000 block of Manila during the night of Oct. 27; a CD player and disc were taken from a vehicle parked in the 800 block of Richmond between 5 a.m. Oct. 28 and Nov. 2 and 4, a stereo was from a pickup parked in the block of Cutting Boulevard during the night of Oct. 28.

An indash stereo was reported stolen in the 1300 block of Scott.

During the evening of Nov. 2 a tree trimmer was taken from a car parked in the 5600 block of Jordan. Change and eye-glasses were taken from a vehicle in the 7100 block of View during the night of Nov. 2.

In the 7400 block of View during the night of Nov. 2.

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Newsline

Preschool director reports on schools

ALBANY — Maureen Beck, director of Albany Cooperative Preschool, will report on her study of the schools of Reggio Emilia, Italy. She recently returned after spending last year's sabbatical leave in Italy. Her multimedia presentation will be held in the Albany Community Center in the Edith Stone Room on Thursday, Nov. 21, 1996 at 7:30 p.m.

These municipal schools in northern Italy have been the focus of international interest because of their inspirational philosophy and innovative practice. Please come to a presentation which will include slide samples of children's work and time for discussion at the end. Everyone is welcome.

Solve a riddle at the EC library

EL CERRITO — To celebrate Children's Book Week, (Nov. 18-24), the El Cerrito Library will hold a Riddle Program on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 3 p.m. Why did the astronaut die on the day off? What does a little girl hope to get on her birthday? And many other riddles for you to solve. Any children who are interested in riddles are welcomed to the program. Bring some of your favorite ones to share.

El Cerrito Branch of the Contra Costa County Library is located at 10 Stockton Ave. Hours are: Monday, 12 noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For further information call Frances Chen, Youth Services Librarian, at 526-7512 during open hours.

Annual fundraiser in Kensington this week

KENSINGTON — Kensington Elementary School's annual fall fundraiser, The Garden Party, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16. The event raises about half of the funds that parents need to raise annually for the school's enrichment programs, services, materials and supplies that the West Contra Costa Unified School is unable to provide.

The party will be at the Unitarian Church, which will include a garden setting, potluck and desserts supplemented by dishes donated by local restaurants, fine wines and music. In addition, a silent auction will include books and services. Event tickets are \$35 at the door and can be purchased by calling Michelle Severy at 525-2548.

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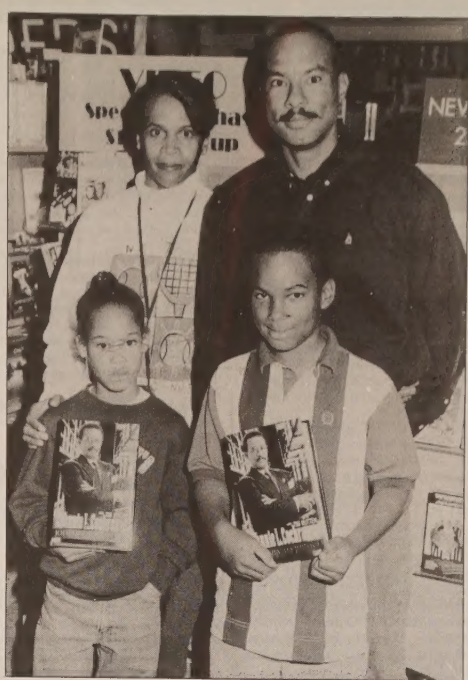
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Journey to Cochran

The Wimberly family of El Cerrito (with mother Kathleen, father James, son David, 10 and daughter Melissa) took a trip to Borders Books & Music Nov. 4, where attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. signed copies of his book "Journey to Justice."

ECDC features national representatives

EL CERRITO — The next regular meeting of the El Cerrito Democratic Club on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 7:30 p.m. will feature David Fike, Kensington Community Services Director and delegate to the United Nations Conference on Cities, Habitat II. He will talk about lessons from this conference for our region. Participants will also meet with Art Lynch, Northern Vice President of the California Democratic Council.

Home for the holidays garden event today

EL CERRITO — Home for the Holidays will be the theme of blue-ribbon flower arranger Mary Hall, Berkeley, when she presents her designs at the El Cerrito Garden Club's meeting and fund-raiser, Nov. 14, at 9:30 a.m. at El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane.

A special array of member-grown plants for sale, door prizes, white elephants, silent auction, arts and crafts and club T-shirts will also be offered.

There will be no meeting in December.

The January meeting is on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 9:30-7:30 p.m., with the election of officers and setting of priorities for 1997.

Meetings take place at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Avenue, El Cerrito, across from El Cerrito High. The public is invited.

For details call Rolf M. Weber at (510) 542-8142.

Hall will also donate some of her designs as prizes. Tickets for non-members will be available at the door for \$5.

A master judge of California Garden Clubs, Inc., state board, Hall is chair of its Landscape Design Critics Council. She is a longtime club member.

Her work has been widely seen and acclaimed throughout Northern California at garden shows, fairs, and special horticultural events.

For more information, contact Dee Pruyn, 527-7409.

Developers come forward with revised plans to revamp plaza

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — An independent site plan for El Cerrito Plaza submitted by architect Ed Pancoast and Sustainable El Cerrito made its impact on more than one of the seven official development teams presenting revised proposals for Plaza renovation Oct. 28. Pancoast's plan incorporated some of SEC's priorities, including an emphasis on pedestrian/ bicycle access and coordination between the shopping center, the Ohlone Greenway and a renovated Cerrito Creek.

Several developers mentioned elements they found workable. Representatives of the Emerald Fund presented major changes to their original development plans, changes they said responded to city and SEC concerns.

In the biggest change, principal Oz Erickson (a longtime local resident who frequently shops at the Plaza) noted that the "700 to 900 units of housing" that were part of the company's original proposal "did not get a warm reception." He said he had met with Pancoast and that number had subsequently been reduced to 105 units of "pure market-rate housing." (The company has strong experience in housing development, particularly in San Francisco.)

Another "great idea" from Pancoast was to provide clear access from the center to a bike path along Cerrito Creek to the greenway. That idea has also been incorporated, as have attractive shop "streetscapes" along Fairmount and San Pablo avenues.

Another new element is the inclusion of three access roads to the south. Redevelopment Agency members have expressed strong interest in providing easy access to Albany and north Berkeley residents.

"We had cut Albany off," he said. "We had been concerned that Albany residents wouldn't want too much traffic coming past their house."

Erickson's company has one "major difference" of viewpoint from the plan presented by Pancoast. "There isn't enough parking," he said.

At the same time, the company has changed its original proposal to break up into smaller groupings what looked to SEC members like "a sea of parking."

The possibility of siting a theater at the Plaza is of interest to both Agency members and the community. The Emerald Fund plan includes 45,000 square feet of second-floor theater (about 12 screens)

in a mixed retail and entertainment center. The team believes it is "premature," however, to decide now whether to include the theater. Most teams were hesitant to make a commitment since a large theater is already being proposed for the northern section of town.

If the Del Norte theater is built, a Plaza theater is "not going to go," said one team member. (He also commented that many tenants — Safeway, for example — does not like to "share parking with a theater.")

The Emerald Fund plan includes "reuse" of many of the existing walls at the Plaza (not the Emporium, which would be razed), with substantial renovation. The current

plan would also disappear; "it's a really dated concept," said one team member.

Among possible tenants mentioned by the team are Office Depot and a 24-hour Nautilus. The Emerald Fund representatives were among several developers to express interest in attracting a Mervyn's store to the Plaza.

In order to proceed with its proposal, the Emerald Fund "clearly need(s) the cooperation of the city, (use of its) condemnation powers and a guaranteed price for the land," said Erickson.

In general, he said, "this is a far smaller project than it was. It was about a \$200 million project. It's way down now."

The Emerald Fund is currently completing "the two biggest private projects in San Francisco," including the Potrero Center, which is 230,000 square feet in size.

In contrast to the Emerald Fund's form of response, American Stores had "no significant changes to the site plan" to present to the Redevelopment Agency last week. "We'll respond to the things we've heard as we get into the process," representative Bruce Qualls told the Agency members.

Jim Kessler of Burnham Pacific, a partner in the project, thinks that "reformatting the site plan would be premature." He said he wanted to focus on the Redevelopment process and how "the sizable economic gap in putting the project together" can be addressed, though the company is not new to such issues.

"...We focus on urban infill and Redevelopment projects," he said. "...the one thing I will guarantee you at this point is that the plan will change whether it's our plan or anyone else's plan."

Kessler also emphasized the maximizing of sales tax revenues as the company's chief goal. That presentation was brief. Most comments were made in response to specific questions from Agency members. The plan calls for Long's and Lucky to own their own parcels and for Burnham Pacific to own the balance, though the Agency was assured that the project would operate in a "homogenous" way.

"Given where the theater industry is going today," a theater between 4,000 and 4,500 seats is anticipated; that number is "not large" by today's standards. The company has theaters under construction now ranging from 3,000 to 5,500 seats.

One of the more difficult issues for Agency members seemed to be the company's reluctance to put up \$100,000 in a non-refundable deposit. Kessler said that had to do with the "issues in this project." He seemed to want more assurance from the city that the project would actually be undertaken before recommending that investment to the company's stockholders.

Among areas of experience listed by team members were the building of a "downtown Pleasant Hill from scratch," a project that required the acquisition of 70 different parcels, the development of the former Hamilton Air Field, a Marin City project which involved "the condemnation and relocation of a church," the Emeryville Public Market and Powell Street Plaza (both requiring "massive remediation and demolition") and the current 5 million square foot "Super K" center in Oakland.

The team also expressed its willingness to "roll construction" in order to keep Plaza merchants in place as long as possible and to work with current tenants, since "tenants talk."

"New ones will talk to existing tenants and ask them, 'What are these people like? How are they treating you?'" said one representative. "Not everyone may be happy, but we don't want them to start feeling bad.... That just makes it more difficult for all of us."

Kessler said Burnham Pacific is a long-term investor. "This is a great opportunity," he said. "We look for reuse opportunities. We don't (undertake projects) in the suburbs or out in the valley."

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Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay, 2320 Channing Way. 644-8292. Nov. 19: Open House from 3—6 p.m.

Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. 848-7800. Nov. 15, noon luncheon: Nicholas Petris, "Insights into California Politics." Dr. Shabart, *Memoirs of a Barbed Wire Surgeon* at 7:30 p.m. 547-7602 or 849-0153. Nov. 16: Thaisa Frank, "Creating a Life That Supports Your Voice and Your Writing." \$14.50/\$12.50 members. 215-2855.

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1606 Bonita Ave. at Cedar St. Wednesdays, through Nov. 27: Shamanic Journeying. \$30 donation. 597-1862. Nov. 15: Community Drumming from 7:30—9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Free.

Berkeley Hiking Club. Nov. 17: Muir Woods. 601-0296. Mini hike—Walnut Creek Open Space. 943-3095 and 934-0458.

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way. 644-6107. Nov. 14: Video movie: "Circle of Friends" at 1 p.m. Nov. 15: Novels available on tape for the visually impaired with Miriam Singer at 10:15 a.m. Video Opera: "Nutcracker" at 1 p.m. Nov. 18: Donna LeRend and her magic Violin at 12:30 in the dining room. Preventing Falls and Fractures at 1:15 p.m. Nov. 19: Classical piano concert with Robin Kempster at 1:15. Nov. 20: massaging necks and shoulders with Sherbach at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 21: Travel Video: "Peru" at 1 p.m.

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Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St. Nov. 17 and the third Sunday of every month: Cafe Europa, an intergenerational discussion group for Holocaust survivors and children of survivors will meet from 3-5 p.m. 704-7475. Nov. 20: Nancy Ring, *Walking on Walnuts, My Grandmother's Recipes for Rugelach, Romance and Surviving in the Real World* at 7:30 p.m. \$4 members/ \$6 public.

848-0237.

Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave. 486-0698. All events are free and at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise scheduled. Nov. 14: Fred Leeborn, *Out West*. Nov. 15: Mark Singer, *Citizen K: The Deeply Weird American Journey of Brett Kimberlin*. Nov. 16: Annie Ernaux, *Exteriors*. Nov. 17: Robyn Davidson, *Desert Places*. Nov. 18: Jackson Benson, *Wallace Stegner: His Life and Work*. Nov. 19: Theodore Roszak, *The Memoirs of Elizabeth Frankenstein*. Nov. 20: James Ellroy, *My Dark Places*. Nov. 21: Jonathan Raban, *Badland: An American Romance*.

Borders Books/Music/Cafe, 5800 Shellmound Street, Emery Bay Public Market. 654-1633. Nov. 15: Floyd Salas, *Color of My Living Heart* at 7:30 p.m. Cafe concert with Lorin Rowan Trio at 8 p.m. Nov. 18: Comedy: David Alan Moss and Will Getter at 7:30 p.m.

Center for Psychological Studies, 1398 Solano Ave. 524-0291. Nov. 15: Terry Kupers, MD, will lead "Men's Groups: The Past and Prospects for the Future" from 12:30—2 p.m. Free.

Chabad of the East Bay, 2643 College Ave. 540-5824. Nov. 17: Gala Dinner for Chabad Chevre at 5 p.m. \$10. Comic/Puppeteer Mark Weiner will speak. 540-5824.

Cody's Books. Events start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise scheduled. Nov. 14: Jon Ortner, *Where Every Breath Is A Prayer, A Photographic Pilgrimage into the Spiritual Heart of Asia*. Nov. 16: National Adoption Search Registration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., sponsored by Bay Area Adoption Registration Coalition, 653-4637. Nov. 18: GRE seminar. Nov. 19: Naomi Seidman, editor of *Israel: A Traveler's Literary Companion*. Nov. 21: Richard Koman and Bob Schmitt, *Designing Multimedia for the Web*.

Doe Library, U.C. Berkeley campus. Nov. 19: Stephen Tobriner will lecture on Building Safety After the 1906 Fire, at 7 p.m. in the Morrison Room.

Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore, 1385 Shattuck Ave. 843-3533. All programs free and at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Nov. 14: Judith Gilford, *The Packing Book: Secrets of the Carry-On Traveler*. Nov. 17: Architectural Walking Tour with Mark Wilson starting at Buena Vista and La Loma streets at 1:30 p.m. 273-9383 or 843-3533. Nov. 21: Carlos Velez-Ibanez, *Border Visions: Mexican Cultures of the Southwest United States*.

Gaia Books, 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 548-4172. All events \$3 and at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Nov. 14: Andrew Harvey and Eryk Hanut, *Mary's Vineyard*. Nov. 15: Ted Andrews, *Animal Speak*. Nov. 17: *The Ideas of Carolyn Myss*, from 7—9 p.m. Nov. 18: Fritjof Capra, *The Web of Life*. Nov. 19: *Radiant Life: Meditations and Visions of Hildegard*. Nov. 20: Ueli Geller, *Mind Power Kit*. Nov. 21: Joan Steinauer Lester, *Taking Charge*.

His Lordship's Restaurant, 199 Seawall Dr., Berkeley Marina. Nov. 17: East Bay Women for Peace Dinner, at 1 p.m. \$25. 849-3020.

International House, 2299 Piedmont Ave. 642-9490. Nov. 19: Sahaja Yoga Meditation Class from 7:30—9:30 p.m. in the Home Room. 704-1300. Nov. 14: Reba Fuller: "Miwok Perspectives on Cultural Resource Management" from 7:30—9 p.m. in the Home Room. 642-3386. Nov. 21: Native American Heritage Banquet from 5:30—7:30 p.m. in the Dining Commons. Mary Youngblood, flutist, from 7:30—9 p.m. in the Home Room. 642-3386.

Israeli folk dancing 8 to midnight, Wednesdays at El Cerrito Veteran Building, 6401 Stockton, El Cerrito, 231-0959.

Kensington Recreation Center, 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month: East Bay Collectors Club meeting from 7:30-9 p.m. Stamp collecting, postal history and all related matters. 465-6266 or 526-5397.

La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. 849-2568. Nov. 15: Writer Amiri Baraka at 8 p.m. Nov. 20: Public Forum: "Beyond the Vote: Activists Assess the '96 Elections," at 7:30 p.m. (\$3—7).

Lawrence Hall of Science, Centennial Drive below Grizzly Peak Blvd. 642-5132. Saturdays and Sundays: Holt Planetarium at 1, 2:15 and 2:30 p.m. \$2 per ticket. Saturdays: Computer Lab at 1, 2:15 and 2:30 p.m. \$5 per adult/child team. Recommended for children 5 and up. Free stargazing from nightfall to 11 p.m. Through Jan. 19: "Brain Games," a colorful, interactive exhibition featuring games designed to stimulate your mind. Nov. 16: Web Page Wonders, for ages 5-10 and adults, from 10 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Nyninga Institute, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley. 843-6812. Nov. 17: "Releasing Psychological Patterns through Tibetan Movement Exercises" from 6—7 p.m.

Pacific Film Archive, 2626 Bancroft Way. Nov. 19: *The Century of Cinema: New Zealand and Japan* at 5:30 p.m.

Redwood Gardens, 2951 Derby St. Every Monday night: East Bay Singers, who welcome new members, will rehearse. 527-8318.

REI, 1338 San Pablo Ave. 527-4140. Nov. 14: Cross Country Skiing: Get Ready to Go at 7 p.m. Nov. 16: Car Racks, at 2 p.m. Nov. 21: Introduction to High Altitude Mountaineering: Climbing Mexico's Volcanoes, at 7 p.m.

Richmond Art Center, 2540 Barrett Ave., Civic Center Plaza. 620-6772. Nov. 16, 17: Hinges and Mechanisms Workshop from 9-3 p.m. \$15 materials fee. \$75 members/ \$85 nonmembers.

Stained Glass Garden, 1800 Fourth St. 841-2200. Through Nov. 23: Introduction to Stained Glass, Saturday mornings, 10:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

University WYCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 848-6370. Women's Career Network is free to WYCA members and \$20 for nonmembers. One-hour session of Career Counseling is \$40 members and \$50 nonmembers. Self Assessment for Career Direction is \$120 members/ \$130 nonmembers. Classes in Salsa, Ballroom, Afro-Brazilian, Bellydancing, Yoga, Aikido, Karate, Aerobics, Fitness Boxing, Pilates-based

exercise, Modern Jazz classes open. Drop-in fees \$6.50-\$10.

U.C. Extension, 1995 University Ave. Saturdays, through Nov. 23: "African-American Children and their Families" in 100 Wheeler Hall, U.C. campus, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$150.

Vista Community College, 2020 Milvia St. 841-8431. Nov. 16: "Doing Business in Japan" from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. \$6.50/ \$70.10 nonresidents of California.

Performances

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington Ave., 525-1716. Nov. 15: The myth of Diana and Actaeon, highlighted with 17th century Italian songs, at 8 p.m. \$7 students, seniors, SFEMS members/ \$10 general. 845-9403. Nov. 20: Hanneke van Proosdij, harpsichord, at 7:30 p.m. \$10/ over 65 free. 644-1753.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 525-5054. Nov. 14: Akimbo at 9 p.m. \$5. Nov. 15: Sister Live at 9:30 p.m. Wendy Shaw at 11. \$9. Nov. 16: Jai Uttal and the Pagan Love Orchestra at 9:30 p.m. \$8. Nov. 17: The Blind at 8. \$6. Nov. 19: Cajun dance lesson at 8 p.m. Danny Poullard at 9 p.m. \$5. Nov. 20: western swing lesson at 8 p.m. Lost Weekend at 9. \$7. Nov. 21: W.C. swing lesson at 8 p.m. Jellyroll at 9:30 p.m. \$8.

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar at Bonita St. 841-4824. Nov. 16: Bryan Bowers, autoharist, at 8 p.m. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door, \$5 under 11 years, students and seniors \$8 and \$10. 526-4228.

Berkeley Store Gallery, 2295 Shattuck at Bancroft. Nov. 15—Dec. 7: Impact Theatre presents "Sexual Perversity in Chicago" 8 p.m. Fri, Sat. 2 p.m. Sun. \$5 students, TBA members/ \$10 general.

Brick Hut, 2512 San Pablo Ave. 486-1124. Third Thursday of every month: Community Open Mic. Musicians, poets, comics and performance artists of every stripe welcome to practice or work on their material. 7:30-9:30. \$5 suggested donation.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave. El Cerrito. 524-9132. Through Nov. 23: Murder by the Book. 8 p.m. on Fri, Sat. 2 p.m. on Oct. 27 and Nov. 3. \$10 adults/ \$6 youths. Nov. 17, 24: Beyond Therapy at 7 p.m. \$5.

First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way at Dana. Nov. 15: Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra. Tom Mahon performs one-man play, "At Home in the Universe" at 8 p.m. \$8. 848-3696.

First Presbyterian Church, 2407 Dana St. Nov. 16: Berkeley Gospel Chorus, at 6 p.m. \$10.

Freight and Salvage, 1111 Addison St. 548-1761. Music at 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Nov. 14: Martin Simpson. Nov. 15: Mike Seeger. Nov. 16: Lucy Kaplansky. Nov. 17: Steve Seskin, Don Henry, Craig Carothers. Nov. 20: Joe Craven. Nov. 21: Cosy Sheridan. Alisa Fineman opens.

Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley. 653-3213. Nov. 15, 16: University Symphony Or-

chestra at 8 p.m. Nov. 18: concert by B.N.M.P. at 8 p.m. Free. Nov. 20: New Music Showcase from 12:15—1 p.m.

Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar St. Nov. 21: "Letters from Home," performed by Westwind Ensemble. 943-SHOW. \$14—19.

International House, 2299 Piedmont Ave. 642-9490. Nov. 15: Pandit Debby Chaudhuri, India's master of the sitar, at 8 p.m. Nov. 21: Mary Youngblood, flutist, from 7:30—9 p.m. in the Home Room. 642-3386.

Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave. Nov. 18: Berkeley Opera Gala Benefit Concert at 8 p.m. \$50/\$100. 444-8575 to charge by phone.

Jupiter, 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Phone: THE-TAPS. Nov. 15: Isotope Duo at 6 p.m. Dave Ellis Trio at 9 p.m. Nov. 16: Noah Schenker Trio at 9 p.m.

Maybeck Recital Hall, 1537 Euclid Ave. 848-3228. Recitals at 4 p.m. except when otherwise scheduled. Nov. 16: Justin Blasdale, piano, at 8 p.m. \$20. Nov. 17: Bud Shank, alto saxophone, with Vince Lateano Trio. \$25.

MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda at Marin. Nov. 17: Baroque Dance Party at 5 p.m. \$6 rush/ \$15 students, seniors, MS members/ \$18 general. 528-1685.

Speakeasy Theater, 2016 7th St. Nov. 15, 22, 23: Karen Hoyer performs "Confessions of a Metermaid" at 8 p.m. (\$8—10).

Starry Plough Restaurant and Pub, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082. Music starts at 9:45 Friday and Saturday, 9:30 on Thursday. Traditional Irish music every Sunday starting at 8 p.m. Every Monday: Irish dance lessons at 7 p.m., Traditional Irish music at 9 p.m. Every Tuesday: Cabaret Open Mike at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14: Benefit for Berkeley Food Bank and Barley Productions. Missing Link and Jalopy to perform. \$5. Nov. 15: Soul Divine, Burke. \$5. Nov. 16: Thoth, Avalon Rising. \$5. Nov. 21: High Rollers. \$5.

Templebar, 984 University Ave. Nov. 16: Shore Break at 9:30 p.m.

Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St. Nov. 16: The Caselli Trio at 8 p.m. Suggested donation: \$8/ \$5 students, seniors, handicapped. \$49-3864.

U.C. Berkeley Art Museum, 2626 Bancroft Way. Nov. 17: Jazz performed by Francis Wong and Liu Qi-Chao, at 3 p.m.

Yoshi's, 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland. 652-9200. All shows at 8 and 10 p.m. Through Nov. 17: Eddie Palmieri and his Afro-Caribbean Septet. \$15 Wed, Thur. \$18 Fri, Sat, Sun. Nov. 18: Pamela Rose. \$8 general/ \$6 JIF. Nov. 18—24: Taj Mahal solo. Opening: Doug Macleod Tues, Wed. Robert Lowery Fri, Sat, Sun. \$18 Tues, Wed, Thur. \$22 Fri, Sat, Sun.

Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley campus. Nov. 20: Diamanda Galas, vocals and piano, at 8 p.m. \$14/ \$20/ \$26. 642-9988. Nov. 21—23: Two Plays of the African Diaspora: Death and the King's Horseman: The Market Scene, and Herbert the Third, A Comedy. 8 p.m. in the Black Box Theater, Room 7.

Religious activities

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 525-1716. Nov. 15: Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 a.m. Nov. 17: The Rev. Barbara Brown, preach from 1: Thessalonians 1:11.

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar at Bonita St. 841-4824. Nov. 17: Hearing the voice of the Goddess, with Elizabeth speaker, at 10:30 a.m. Children's program: Childcare for toddlers, preschool through junior high. 845-7793. Sundays: Israel Folklife Dance. Nov. 17: Israel Folklife Dance. All welcome. Tuesday: Student Union meeting at 7 p.m. Eat bagels and talk with Rona at 12 noon. Time TALK: speaking session. 843-3813.

Sri Chinmoy Meditation Center, 4500 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley. 540-4114.

Exhibits

Albany Community Center, Through Nov. 30: "Room at the watercolors by Carole Fitzpatrick." Albany Recreation and Community Services Department, 1240 Mill Through Dec. 2: "Art is Paper and is Art," by Victoria Chow-Poon.

Berkeley Art Center, 1231 St. in Live Oak Park. Through Nov. 23: "Science Imagined," Artistic Exhibition.

Berkeley Store Gallery, 2295 Shattuck at Bancroft. Nov. 15—Dec. 7: Auction for AIDS Advocacy. \$60 established and emerging artists. Through Dec. 1. 2295 Shattuck. 568-1680/ 655-9496.

Dharma Publishing Art Gallery, 2910 San Pablo Ave. 548-5407. Through Dec. 1. 2910 San Pablo. Art and Books of Tibet. \$5 general students, seniors/ under 12 free.

Siporin Family Arts, 6121 St., Emeryville. 653-7487. Dec. 7: "Ball Inside Me," by Thomas V. Siporin.

Gallery of the Center for Psychological Studies, 1398 Solano Ave. 524-0291. Nov. 15—Dec. 21: Lisa Evans: A Life in Self Portraits.

Judah L. Magnes Museum, Russell St. 549-6950. Through Nov. 17: "Published Every Friday: The Anniversary of the Jewish Holocaust off the Press: Children's Handwritten Activities Area." The prize-winning in the Third International Jewish Competition. Through April 1997: "An Identity: The Art of the Silversmiths."

Off Center Gallery, 21340 Nov. 15, 1996—January 15, 1997. Show. \$44-9695.

University Art Museum, 2626 Bancroft Ave. Through Dec. 1: J. J. of Forest: Paintings by Mark J. Through Dec. 31: Tchai Malin: Gardens of Le Notre: Photography by Becky Cohen. Through Nov. 17: Hoffman and the New York School.

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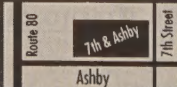
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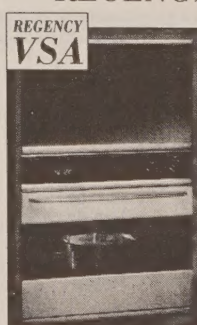
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Large brewery/pub coming to Gilman St.

By Rob Selna

The East Bay's largest craft brewery and pub will soon be opening near Albany's southern border. In early December, Pyramid Breweries Inc. of Seattle will be opening a 120,000-square-foot facility, and pub that will take up an entire city block between Seventh and Eighth streets on Gilman Street in West Berkeley.

Pyramid projects that the brewery and pub will employ approximately 135 people, including restaurant staff, brewers, and managers, and will add customer traffic to the rapidly revitalizing area near Gilman Street and San Pablo Avenue.

Berkeley city government is enthusiastic about the business the brewery is likely to attract, and the approximately \$100,000 in annually recurring taxes that Pyramid will pay to the city.

"We're totally supportive; specialty beer is a target industry in the city," said Catherine Squire, of the City of Berkeley Economic Development Department. She explained that beer and other types of food processing have been identified by the department as industries likely to succeed in Berkeley.

The brewery site, which is zoned for light industrial use, traditionally has not attracted big crowds. For many years it was the home of the Utility Body Com-

pany, which made semi-truck trailers, and most recently served as the bus repair yard for the Berkeley Unified School District.

Not surprisingly, the Berkeley Zoning Adjustments Board approved the project with an 8-to-0 vote on Nov. 14, 1995. To further show Berkeley's support, Mayor Shirley Dean participated in the brewery "ground-breaking" ceremony on Jan. 26, 1996.

However, the board did not approve the project without opposition. The brewery will be located directly across the street from a non-profit, non-alcohol, music club, which specializes in punk music and a youthful clientele.

The organization, called the 924 Gilman Collective, warned the board last November that the cultures of the upscale brewery and the grass-roots punk club would clash.

"There could be misinterpretations on both sides, with people from here (the Gilman Collective) seeing them as yuppies and them thinking people over here look like MTV punks or a bunch of freaks," said Charles Long, Gilman collective spokesman.

"We're also concerned that some of their patrons might not understand the no-alcohol, no-drug, youth orientation and have a few beers and want to come over here and slum," continued Long.

Collective members were also concerned that they will be held responsible if trouble does erupt.

"We are always on a delicate edge. We're not big financially and if trouble happens, we'll probably get the blame," said Long.

To allay some of these concerns, the Zoning Board has required the brewery to employ a security guard on Friday and Saturday nights, and a liaison will be hired to help the two establishments iron out their problems on a monthly basis.

Pyramid made several concessions as part of an agreement with the city. The brewery has vowed to work with Berkeley's employment referral programs to fill the new positions with Berkeley residents; and the company will renovate the streets and lighting around the Seventh and Eighth street blocks, including installing a new traffic signal at Eighth and Gilman.

The brewery, which will produce approximately 80,000 barrels of beer each year to be distributed to restaurants, bars, and stores throughout California and some southwestern states, will be 40 to 50 percent larger than most East Bay craft and microbreweries. The pub will seat approximately 165 people and include an outdoor patio facing Gilman.

Pyramid hopes to immerse customers in the craft beer-making process and accordingly will leave much of the brewing equipment and machinery, such as grain silos, malt grinders, and mash cook-

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Friends of 5 Creeks group wins grant

ALBANY — Friends of Five Creeks, a community group dedicated to raising awareness about Cerrito, Middle, Marin, Village and Codornices creeks in Albany, has received a Community Stewardship Grant from the Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program.

Friends of Five Creeks plans on using part of the grant money to create educational creek signs and window decals for businesses which support clean water practices. The grant will also be used to purchase additional water quality testing equipment, as well as

several newspaper advertisements to increase awareness of water pollution and upcoming events to help solve the problem.

The next opportunity to "be part of the pollution solution" is a Cerrito Creek Clean-up and Monitor Training on Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., co-sponsored by the city of Albany. Please dress warmly, wear waterproof boots, and meet at Cerrito Creekside Park, the south end of Belmont Street off Central Avenue in El Cerrito.

On-going activities of Friends of Five Creeks include monthly meetings (every first Monday from 6-7 p.m. in the Albany Community Cen-

ter) and water quality monitoring (every other Saturday from 11-noon at Cerrito Creekside Park). General questions regarding Friends of Five Creeks should be directed to president Lyndi Swanson, 528-8402.

Questions regarding water quality testing should be directed to creek monitor Keith Alcock, 527-4260. Questions regarding the Dec. 14 Cerrito Creek Clean-up and Monitor Training should be directed to the city of Albany's Community Development and Environmental Resources Department, 528-5760.

West County School Watch

By Glen Price

In the 31-year history of the West Contra Costa Unified School District, a school finance measure had never taken more than two-thirds of the electoral vote; that is, until Tuesday, Nov. 5. On that date, 68 percent of voters gave Measure E a positive nod, with 32 percent voting "no."

Measure E sought voter approval to continue the Maintenance and Recreation Assessment District, which annually raises \$5 million for district schools.

For the Children of West County, the independent political action committee which campaigned on behalf of Measure E, was also encouraged by the breadth of community support for the assessment. Of the 205 voting precincts which comprise the school district, Measure E carried 201 while only narrowly losing the

remaining four.

The margin of victory was also relatively similar in the cities which make up the district, which spans 110 square miles from Pinole to El Cerrito. Gaining a plurality in every city, Measure E won 67 percent of the vote in El Cerrito and Hercules, 61 percent in Pinole, 69 percent in San Pablo and 55 percent in El Sobrante. The margin of approval was overwhelming in Richmond and Kensington, where the measure earned a 72 percent and 76 percent approval rating, respectively.

Parents and community members gathering at Election Night events were extremely pleased with these results. Most credited the margin of victory to the energetic, positive campaign waged by the committee, which successfully brought together, perhaps for the first time in the history of the district, a broad

spectrum of stakeholders in public education in West County including teachers, classified employees, parents, businesses, and community members.

Many committee members looked forward to continuing to tackle the district's huge remaining problems. Noting that Measure E merely maintained existing funding, one parent said, "We've got to work together to hold the district accountable for getting these funds into the schools."

The measure's margin of victory and for the Children of West County's ability to draw together the community behind our children and our schools provides a firm basis for optimism. A small but significant step, the committee's work showed that, working together, we can start to make West County schools "beacons of light" for the communities they serve.

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Computer consultant's got drive

Joe Coho's answer to my first question sort of defines the man. I asked, "How did you happen to work with the Albany Library in setting up their web site?"

Said Coho: "At one point I had a girl friend who was a reference librarian. I realized at that time what a radical institution a library is. Libraries supply information to anybody who wants it, not only to rich people! And anybody can come in and read or even take out a book. Anybody. I see the Internet access as being a continuation of that same goal. Instead of just people who are trained or financially able, these resources are made available to anybody who walks through the door of the library."

Coho, who is now a consultant on computers (explained later in this story), is, in the words of Richard A. Russo, who wrote a story about the Albany Internet for The Journal, "A local resident and ardent library supporter, (who) agreed to serve as the library's Community Partner and has provided technical support and advice."

So let's find out more about this enthusiastic man of many and varied interests. Well, he was born in Childress, Texas, where his father was stationed with the Army Air Corps in World War II. He grew up on the West Coast, in Seattle, San Francisco, San Diego, and Los Angeles. He graduated from Lincoln High School in San Francisco ("that was before they used to shoot people in the stairwell"), and then went to UC-Berkeley, where he studied physics.

Leaving UC, Joe went to work for the National Park Service in Yosemite, and stayed with it for 22 years. He was a naturalist in the Resources Management Division. As the title says, they managed the resources of the park: the wildlife, vegetation, water, etc. Primarily,

he says, he worked for a resource scientist who has a Ph.D. in fire ecology.

Coho talks of the interesting things he did in that job. He developed a Geographic Information System, developing a data base in addition to information, maps, etc. Theirs was the first one the park service had in the '70s, and "took up a big chunk of my career, amongst other things."

He moved to San Francisco to take a new job that had just been created: to coordinate these geographics within the national park system. There are about 40 parks within the Western region. He continued with this work from 1992 to '95.

It was in 1995 that he left the Park Service because he wanted to do other things. "I knew what one part of my personality was," he says, "the part that worked with data. But I had other interests I wanted to explore." His interests included watercolor painting, making documentaries and writing. "I wanted to see if I had the ability to write and to paint."

An aside here. His interest in painting was ably demonstrated when Carole Fitzgerald (our well-known local artist, who has a show in the Community Center at the present time) came in. When I introduced them, Joe Coho greeted her with some excitement, admired her work, and they talked for some time about their mutual interest, art.

So Coho has taken some classes while continuing to work as a computer consultant. "If you don't stay with it, the field changes so fast. The shelf life for a computer specialist is about six months, then nobody uses that particular knowledge any more. But it makes it possible to learn the next step quickly."

Coho remembers that in 1993

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



he and a friend developed the first national web site for the National Park Service. One-and-a-half years later the government did a demonstration of it on TV. "It's staggering how fast it changes," and then he adds: "It relates back to the libraries. I don't expect everybody to understand how the stuff is made, but if they don't have some concept of what is available and how to use it, they fall behind. I don't like to see stratification in society — the very knowledgeable, the very rich vs. the very poor or those who don't know things. We must balance the playing field."

Putting his efforts where his mouth is, Coho has a project in the Senior Center. PG & E has donated a computer and Coho is planning a program so that people can communicate with family and friends near and far. "It is so easy to do this these days. I will teach a few people how to use the World Wide Web for e-mail and they will teach others." Joe feels it is important that people not be isolated, and "the whole thing draws people back in."

His thoughts return to the library and he says it is his hope that those working on the computers and using the web will show others what they are doing. "I would hate to see a bunch of 16-year-olds taking it over and keeping others out. I would hope they would show people nearby what they are doing and how."

One other thing Coho promised himself he would do. He smiles as he says, "No one works for the

National Park Service to make big bucks." So he analyzed his own goals. Money, he says, has never been as important to him as time. When he first started working with the NPS it was seasonal work and "I was buying time."

"I have been wanting to do volunteer projects for things I think are important; people things. I have a strong interest in the environment. I want to find ways of assessing organizations who are doing things along those lines." He thinks a bit and adds, "People who amass lots of money want to do things but they haven't given themselves the background. That takes time with nothing to do. Working for the NPS gave me lots of outlets and knowledge of the things I can do."

He speaks of his interest in writing, of the classes he has taken and what he wants to do with that. "I don't want to write fiction, but probably short essays and poetry."

Joe Coho's patient, understanding wife, Matty, is a veterinarian. They also have "two wonderful cats," one of whom they found in Yosemite.

He will probably do it all. Thank you, Ronnie Davis, for suggesting Joe Coho as a subject. A very interesting one he was.

And, as always, I invite all of you to give me your ideas: interesting people, events, organizations, travel, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706, or call 525-4585. I am trying to remember to check on my e-mail at crgenser@aol.com.

On the Hill

By Barbara Erterter

On go the long latex household gloves, then over them leatherpalmed garden gloves. Thus armored against dormant poison-oak, I am now prepared for today's goal: a seek-and-destroy mission against a particularly shocking shade of bright purple. This happens to be the telltale color of the creeping stems of German-ivy, buried in the duff under the spreading oaks, elderberries, buckeyes, and hazelnuts. High in the branches above my head are dried dangling strands, reminders of what German-ivy will do if left unchecked.

I remember how this area looked two years earlier, before we began our attack, when the German-ivy formed a solid green mass smothering everything on the ground and reaching high up into the trees. The visual result, reminiscent of bayous draped with Spanish-moss, belonged in Florida, not California. Not only were the indigenous plants being crowded out, but a fire hazard was created when the greenery turned brown in mid-summer, forming a fire ladder into the vulnerable crowns of the otherwise fire-resistant oaks.

German-ivy, neither a true ivy nor from Germany, is actually a groundsel or ragwort from South Africa. It has the Latin name of *Senecio*

mikanoides, though greenhouse experts have reasons to believe that this name should be replaced with *Delavria*. In its native South Africa, German-ivy is an innocuous component of the cloud forest of the Drakensberg Range, the border of Lesotho and Natal.

I would like to visit there sometime, where I could see German-ivy (or whatever its local name might be) grow as a harmonious member of flora as rich as that of California's. I can easily understand how the winter blooming sprays of yellow flowers, complementing the bright green semi-succulent foliage, would catch the eye of a horticulturalist looking for novelties with which to brighten gardens during dreary California winters.

Alas, as too frequently happens out to be the case, the invasive guest did not settle for being a coddled garden plant, but instead found coastal California to be much to its liking. Whatever mysterious combination of factors (pathogens? parasites? predators?) kept German-ivy balance seem to have been behind in the Drakensberg cloud forests, and German-ivy is now on the top hit list of indigenous plants that represents the greatest threat to the continued existence of

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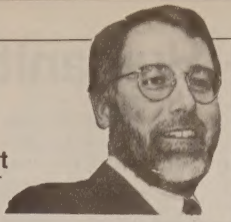
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The long road to plaza development

Now that we have gotten a better idea of what each of the seven developers propose for El Cerrito Plaza, I think it would be useful to discuss the various steps that the agency MUST go through to bring a project from any of the developers into fruition. It is important to remember that these steps are legally required as part of a process that gives each developer an equal and fair opportunity to be considered for selection. A decision on the part of the agency that does not comport with the process or which is arbitrary and capricious is open to legal attack by any of the developers not selected. I will address the first two milestones in this article. The first is the selection of a developer. During this stage the agency will analyze each of the developer's proposals and the developer to determine which one should be selected to enter into an agreement over the development of the plaza. We must provide each developer with an opportunity to provide us with any information we believe is missing from their proposals. We will review each proposal against a set of criteria and make a selection based on that analysis. This process typically takes 90 to 120 days. It may take longer for two reasons. First, the size and complexity of the project may require additional time for our analysis. Second, because of the budget cuts over the last four years, our staff is now at the base

El Cerrito Redevelopment Report

By Norman La Force,
Redevelopment agency chair



minimum. We have only one planner, Ed Phillips, and our Redevelopment Director, Elisa Tierney, to work on this project and all the other projects currently on the table (PDG Development, Del Norte Development, and the Lucky expansion at its store on the northside).

Once a developer is selected, we must legally enter into an Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement (ENRA) with that developer. This requires the developer and the agency to negotiate over the terms of that agreement. We must identify the developer's and agency's responsibilities and activities, benchmarks for completion of those tasks, completion of the required "due diligence" issues, and who bears the costs of the different activities. That

negotiation typically takes between 60 and 120 days. Again, it may take us longer for the same reasons I have discussed above. Once formal approval is made, the developer and agency can go forward with performance of tasks identified in the ENRA.

As one can see, completion of the developer selection and negotiation over the ENRA puts us somewhere between April 1997, at the most optimistic, to June 1997 or later. There are still other stages or milestones that must legally follow before the selected developer can even begin construction. I will discuss those stages in the next article. I trust, however, that readers can readily see that even the simplest proposal among the seven will take time to become reality.

Blotter

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Drive, a wiper blade was reported damaged during the night of Oct. 21. The owner reported that she had received a note from a neighbor seven months ago, threatening damage to her car if she continued to park on a side-

walk.

- An El Cerrito man was accused of shooting two pellets from a pellet gun in the 5200 block of School Street at 1 p.m. Oct. 21.

- An act of residential vandalism was reported in the 1400 block of Lawrence Avenue between Oct. 30 and Nov. 1. An

orange was thrown through a window.

- Someone shattered a vehicle window in the 6400 block of Conlon with some type of projectile during the night of Oct. 31. In another act of vandalism, someone punctured all four tires of a truck parked in the 5300 block of Poinsett during the

may be gaps or overlaps.

Between the school board election and the running discontent of the Albany Teachers' Association, parents may have little patience for a faceless document like this, which is rife with educational jargon, unexplained acronyms, and lofty, vapor-like goals.

Hubbard, however, apparently recognizing the plan's shortcomings, managed to walk us through important features with grace and even humor. (We enjoyed, for example, Albany's classification as a "small and scattered" district in the state jargon that describes Limited English Proficiency programs. Being "small and scattered" bestows an advantage in this case, freeing us from writing one more bureaucratic "master plan.")

Hubbard also emphasized that parent participation really is wanted here. The Local Improvement Plan provides for future committees in many

areas, including parent-district communication, multicultural education, technology, and each of the major curriculum subjects. Committees will make recommendations to the district for long-term planning.

In other words, time spent with the Local Improvement Plan may actually lead to changes in the district's "delivery of services." Within this format the district invites parents to say how they want their children educated in a number of specific areas. It looks promising. You can call Connie Hubbard at 559-6500, the district office, to sign on to a committee that interests you.

Meetings this week

Tonight, Nov. 14, **Marin PTA**, 7 p.m.

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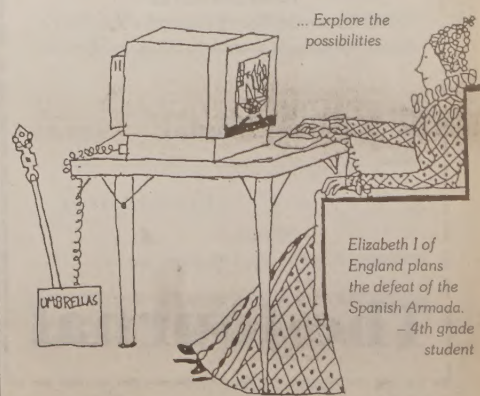
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Plaza

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you're talking to for years to come." Jack Bariteau also had no changes to present to the Agency members. Like other developers, Bariteau (who is independent) has assured the Agency of his flexibility.

For example, when he was asked about more access directly to Albany, he said it was workable.

"You need to understand that issues like access... whether there will be a town square, all these can happen once you pick your horse to ride," he said.

In answer to questions, Bariteau said he would work with Bay Apartment Communities for development of the housing portion of his plan; that company is "one of the largest in the country," as well as being publicly traded, he said. It is based in San Jose and typically deals in "higher end" housing.

In his comments, Bariteau projected a two-year process if all goes well. The first year would include "dialog with the community, the Redevelopment Agency, Sustainable El Cerrito" and other players, as well as environmental review and the normal planning process. He projected a nine to 12-month

construction period. His plan would include an 85,000 square foot, 20-screen theater; he has a letter of interest from a successful theater company. He sees a theater as a key component of a good retail/entertainment mix but is also aware of the Del Norte proposal and said the Plaza theater could not work if there is a second complex in town.

Bariteau believes a theater at the Plaza would generate traffic and extend hours "for all other retailers to develop from." The goal would be to keep patrons at the Plaza afterwards or to attract them beforehand (with attractive restaurants, for example), so that people "have a sense (that the Plaza) is a community place to go."

He sees El Cerrito Plaza as "a unique opportunity" for "capturing that entertainment business for a wide surrounding area."

Among other projects that reflect his experience, Bariteau discussed his rejuvenation of downtown Santa Cruz following the 1989 earthquake. The nine-plex theater he built there (financing it himself) has become "the catalyst for downtown revival and for nighttime activity," he said.

Other projects involved the development of "a successful neighborhood shopping center" and a retail center/community park and recreation center in San Jose. Both were completed with extensive community interaction (including dialog with many different homeowners and neighborhood associations); both had "tremendous controversy" (one was at the site of an old high school and had generated four failed developers' attempts to receive plan approvals); both were passed by the San Jose City Council on an 11-0 vote over the objections of the planning director.

Bariteau and his partner would personally loan the Agency money needed for land acquisition. When asked about the repayment structure, he said, "We can work with whatever you're familiar with in the public process....We're very flexible."

Different developers commented on the "complexity" of the project in response to questions from one Agency member. Bariteau said every real estate project has its own complexity. The bottom line, he said, is that "you've demonstrated that you want to do something with El Cerrito Plaza. It's time."

As far as Bariteau is concerned, the Agency's exercising of eminent domain would make that intention clear.

Humanitarian nominees sought

WEST COUNTY — The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisor is looking for nominations for the county's "Humanitarian of the Year" to be awarded at the Annual Birthday Commemoration for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in January.

The annual commemoration

and award ceremony seeks to recognize a county citizen whose contributions and accomplishments for others embody the humanitarian spirit of the Dr. King's life and work.

Nomination forms and information is available from the Community Services Department,

1220 Morello Ave., San Martinez, 94533, or by calling 313-7350.

Nomination forms and required description of the nominee are due no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29 to the Community Services Department.

Pub

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ers, open to public viewing.

The brewery will also conduct daily tours of much of the brewery and bottling facility. "The place will have a very industrial feel," said Cal alumnus John Chamberlain, 29, who will be the head brewer when construction is completed.

The term craft brewing refers to a process including less automation and less beer production than a fully-automated large-scale beer like Budweiser, and more beer production than a so-called "micro-brewery," which typically produces no more than 30,000 barrels a year.

In producing 123,000 barrels last year, Pyramid was the third-largest craft brewer in the country, behind Sierra Nevada Brewery of Chico, and Red Hook Brewery of Washington state.

Pyramid decided to build a brewery in Berkeley as part of its national expansion plans after its initial public offering in December of 1995.

It currently has three breweries in Washington state, including a brewery and pub in Seattle.

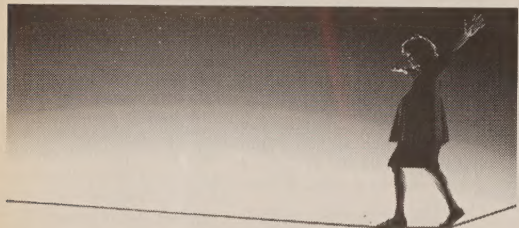
Berkeley appealed to Pyramid as a site for a new brewery because the popularity of micro and craft brews is well-established in Northern California and is growing across the state. Pyramid also felt that Berkeley's "progressive" image suited their company. "Berkeley's colorful image goes

hand-in-hand with our 'alternative' status as a specialty beer," said George Hancock, President of Pyramid Breweries.

Pyramid, which will invest \$10 million on the new brewery, was founded in 1984 and was a small group of owners in 1995.

In 1992, Pyramid bought Thomas Kemper, another craft brewery in the Northwest, and went public in 1995. The produce many varieties of beer under the names of Pyramid and Thomas Kemper Lager. Pyramid Hefeweizen was the biggest seller, is known as

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Fascinated with Albany and all of its charm, Belinger is known for her work with the Albany Teen Center, attending planning meetings and sponsoring events. "I believe what one puts into helping today's youth will help society in the future," she said. "A lot of large corporations contribute a lot for youth, however, small businesses can make a big difference in helping to sponsor youth events," she added. Soon

Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma



she will sponsor Mothers Against Drunk Drivers. She also sponsors an Albany Teen Center basketball team and the team's year end barbecue.

Belinger and her husband, Jay, are raising their four year old son, Alexander, to respect the community.

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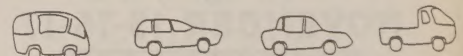
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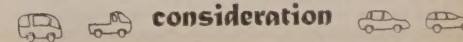
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Opponents

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assessments were listed at \$205 to \$370 if the residential payment was \$75.)

Kerber believes that even those his side "won't" ("though there's no winners or losers," he said), opponents know another assessment proposal will be made.

Opposing citizen groups have already met together once since the election to discuss that possibility and planned to meet again Saturday, he said.

Before the election, Kerber had gathered 125 signatures of business owners who agreed that the assessment was "excessive in every respect" and would work an "undue hardship" on taxpayers. The petition called for a new emphasis on creating a "business-friendly" attitude in El Cerrito that would eventually lead to increased sales tax revenues to support the city budget.

Those signing also look for a ballot with a "more reasonable" approach to the business community, Kerber said.

"If we don't like what we see, I think we are probably ready to let that be known again," he said.

Saturday's meeting, he said, will be a time to plan for the future.

"I think it's time we took a proactive approach as opposed to a reactive one," Kerber said, adding that the opposition effort was "fragmented."

"We aren't all on the same page, we don't believe the same things, but we are all against an unfair, never-ending tax."

The El Cerrito Citizens Alliance also worked to defeat Measure H. The group was first organized several years ago by the late Beverly Gent in opposition to a fire hazard reduction bond measure. Gent's husband, Karl Gent, said earlier this fall that members would continue to work against Measure H in memory of his wife's work on behalf of taxpayers. He also said the group would not have opposed a \$75 assessment.

Steve Magyary now co-chairs the Alliance.

"I don't know why it failed; I only know why we opposed it," said Magyary, pointing to the same specifics as Kerber, along with strong negative reaction to the process by which the council made its decision.

From Magyary's viewpoint, opposition to the assessment district

arose in part "because people felt the council had over-reached and had gone way beyond what it's own task force had recommended." In addition, he said, "they didn't explain well what the money was for."

Legally, the assessment monies could only be applied to fire department services. Lost revenues (including the loss of sales tax revenues from the Emporium store and from the real property transfer tax) have threatened of the city's operating budget, which many citizens, including opponents of Measure H, consider to be "bare-bones."

The assessment monies would stabilize department funding. Even a \$75 assessment would likely have generated some "extra" money by freeing up a portion of the current operating budget. Opponents had asked exactly what that money would be used for. Council members had said those decisions could be made later, when it was clear how much money there was to work with and after full discussion and consideration of the options.

No extension of fire services was contemplated.

Magyary believes citizens still have "a lot of confusion" and "questions about the budget," including the relationship between the city budget and that of the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency. (Those budgets are separated by state law.)

For whatever reason voters rejected the measure, Magyary said his group prefers "to look to the future" to find a solution to the city's budget problems.

Opponents look forward to a greater involvement in any future assessment proposal, he said.

"We'd like to take a close look at the budget, to work with the council, to come to some kind of consensus that would be acceptable to everyone, including us," he said. "Let us work with the numbers and see what we can come up with."

Magyary added that, in the meantime, he hopes "they don't go overboard with drastic cutbacks." He would rather see temporary short-falls met with the city's reserve funding.

Because of the rush to get the matter on the November ballot, he said, there wasn't time to "hash out" all the ramifications of the assessment. That caused a reaction against it. Now, he thinks "it would be wiser for the city council to work with the groups that opposed the

measure," since "if there's something on the ballot we don't like, we'd probably oppose it."

According to Magyary, opponents would support a "reasonable measure" that fully explained: "this is the number, this is what it will replace, this is what it will cover" in terms of essential services. Those services, he said, would include "people not being laid off" or any other drastic changes.

"I don't think anyone opposed to the measure wants to bankrupt the city or to put it in jeopardy," he said.

In fact, Magyary believes there may be support from citizens for the extension of some services, if those things are clearly presented to the voters.

"If sometime later the council says, 'We think we need the money to do this thing'... (whether) hiring a volunteer coordinator, putting five more police on the street... I don't see the problem with that. I think the problem with this measure is that they tried to use the fire department budget ... as a way to get money for other things."

He would rather see those matters brought to the voters as a separate consideration.

Opposing groups will make a statement at next week's council meeting, stating that they are "happy to work with the city council to put a ballot on in March that we can sell to everybody," Magyary said, noting that the group did not oppose Measure G (the Landscape and Lighting Assessment).

"My feeling is that we can put a measure on the ballot that not only doesn't have opposition but has major support. If the council wants to work with the community, that can happen."

Kerber warned, however, that the perspective of the business community may have changed over the course of the Measure H campaign.

"Amazingly enough, some of the business people would have accepted the \$75 at the beginning," he said. "Now I don't think so."

"After all, \$125 (per residence) sounds pretty good until you get a \$1,000 bill."

Proponents

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El Cerrito; the citizens showed their willingness to support the community by voting yes on Measure G."

The specific objections some opponents had to Measure H may have been "the straw that broke the camel's back" in an assessment proposal that voters didn't fully understand, she said.

As for what might be included on a future ballot measure more acceptable to the community, Rogers is happy to leave that up to the members of the city council.

"It's in their court," she said. "I can't say what the council is going to do. It's clear the city needs the money; I'm glad not to be in their shoes."

"I'm disappointed this didn't pass at this time," Rogers went on to say. "There's a lot of effort that goes into the campaign; I also hate to see the city spending a lot of money (on another election) unnecessarily."

Councilmember Gina Brusatori does expect another election is on the horizon. What to do about Measure H's failure "hasn't completely gelled" in her mind, she said, but she does have some preliminary ideas.

"We really need the money," she said. "I'd like to see us go back and figure out how we can make an assessment pass."

"The voters rejected the plan the council had," she said. "I want to see something else work."

Brusatori was not a member of the El Cerrito City Council when it made the decision to place Measure H on the ballot. She was appointed to a vacant seat on the council in September.

Since Measure H was defeated, Brusatori has been considering "the complaints we heard." Among them, "people like \$75 because that's what the task force recommended," she said.

"I'd like to see \$75."

That amount was estimated by the task force to raise about \$820,000 annually. A large portion of that figure would go to the department to replace lost revenues. Brusatori already has some ideas on how to spend the additional money generated.

"I'd like to see some of that go to the fire department to expand fire services," she said. "I haven't talked to Chief Cutright, but I'm still interested in the Hillside Natural Area."

Brusatori first became well-known in the community when she helped

organize El Cerrito Citizens 2000, a group formed to raise money for fire hazard protection measures. Significant private funds were raised three years ago, allowing the department to make improvements it had requested in the city's largest open space area.

Brusatori said she would "outline what we would do with the money freed up," starting out by looking at the recommendations made by the task force. Those were: increased library hours and services, an additional police officer and a volunteer coordinator. (All three are replacements of former city services.)

She responded specifically to the suggestions. She does not believe, for example, that "one cop does a lot." She would prefer to deal differently with that question, to see if adding two or three officers "to patrol the Ohlone Greenway and San Pablo Avenue" is an option, particularly since citizens in a recent city survey indicated the need "to feel more safe."

Increased park maintenance and repair of the city swimming pool's boiler are also high priorities for Brusatori, concerns raised to her by members of the community. She believes the parks show their age of 30-plus years and appear "dowdy." Though maintenance has picked up in recent months, "it's on a lot slower schedule than I'd like to see," she said.

Brusatori also addressed the "other issues" she felt were significant in opposition to Measure H.

She will support a sunset clause, though she sees no "turn-around" soon, in terms of increased revenues to the city.

"We can't bank on something in the short term," she said.

She would, however, support a sunset clause of "at least 10 years"

and would not need to see any longer.

"People say 20 would be a support a bond issue, but the operating budget," she said.

She does continue to support adjustment to cost of living that even persons on "fixed" income get adjustments through Social Security. In that sense, she said, not a true escalator clause.

At the same time, Brusatori support a "cap" on the salary "maybe two, 2-12, three percent." "And don't forget, it's going down," she said.

Brusatori has high hopes for other type of assessment work.

"I would be more interested in what we would do with the money raised over and above what we plow back into the fire department with one caveat," she said. "It's to remain flexible. The danger thing is to have an iron-clad clause (if the state takes more of our money, for example, or if we have a fire agency, like a broken pool boiler)... I've been listening to the community. I believe I have a hand in their concerns. We need priorities based on what they want to see, but it must be flexible. It can be engraved in stone."

Brusatori said she was "very disappointed" Measure H didn't pass because she "put a lot of time and energy" and because "the problems didn't go away."

She does believe, however, there is "support in the community for \$75 and that the amount will allow the city to 'go somewhere' in its efforts to upgrade fire services, maintenance and 'beef up our police' and other priorities."

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Letters

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Track record doesn't bode well

Editor:

We have been attending all the meetings regarding the El Cerrito Plaza and we are very much concerned. We are supportive of the current merchants and tenants and do not wish any of them to have to relocate nor to have their rents and their percentage of profits raised so high after redevelopment that they are forced to close. We do hope that the merchants don't push for nor grab the first plan that looks good to them as a safety net.

I'm referring to Bilak's "El Cerrito Plaza Company" plan. As major owner of the Plaza, has he done anything since it started going downhill? Did he do anything to keep this from happening? Would he be any different now in getting in new tenants? The "El Cerrito Company Plan" sounds good — one year and things will be back to normal. This creates little disruption, or so it is said. However, it means goodbye to Lucky's — hello Safeway — which doesn't seem very fair to Lucky's long-time standing in the Plaza.

Bilak's plan also means to tear down the Emporium building and build a large box for Wal-Mart — a store most of the local residents are not thrilled about. We already have a Target and close by. Why then another similar store? Also, if worst comes to worst and the "City Powers" go with Wal-Mart, why can't they use the Emporium building with renovations — they have three perfectly good floors in which to work? The Plaza until recent years had a good variety of shops with a good clientele, so why bring in a Wal-Mart that brings in "a certain level of quality that we don't want?"

We need a nice place to shop. Hilltop is not the answer for us. Remember, there is no real shopping area from Bay Fair in San Leandro to Hilltop. For the size of our community (five-plus feeder cities) plus

public transportation coming into the area and BART, we are in a good position to become a regional shopping center — even easy access from the freeway. If advertised correctly this could mean more customers provided something is offered that people want.

Bilak's plan doesn't elevate the Plaza to anything desirable for which current and previous customers are looking. We may not understand the fine lines of retailing but we do know what we want — a good department store — such as an upscale Mervyn's, not the "cheap-looking" one at Pinole, or better yet a Gottschalk's, which has been mentioned before by others.

It is much like the Emporium's merchandise and they open stores in smaller communities. Our nearest one is in Antioch and a new one in Davis. Take a look at them. Write Gottschalk's, Inc., P.O. Box 28920, Fresno, CA 93729, Attn.: Steve Forest, stating our need and potential here. They could easily remodel the Emporium building — even if they only used one floor.

Bilak promises the world to the merchants and to the community — but THINK — what has he done for the Plaza over the past years. Has he brought in new businesses? Did he try to make it easy for those who closed to stay? Note he is still making money on the broken leases that haven't run out.

He only mentions that he will bring in Wal-Mart and Safeway. We need more than those stores. He says — and the merchants believe it is so — that it will bring in more foot traffic — yes, into Wal-Mart and possibly Safeway, BUT right on out. People who shop Wal-Mart are not going to Chevy's or other eateries or shops; they are at Wal-Mart for a purpose — the bargains and the purchases they want to make there and leave.

Let's hope Redevelopment will be very careful in their deliberations.

William Carroll
El Cerrito

Why tear it down

Editor:

Why is it necessary to tear down the entire El Cerrito Plaza? If the buildings are sound, why not remodel and keep current tenants in business — no one has to change their shopping habits, for once changed many will not return? The Lucky store has been waiting to remodel or build for a long time. Let them have first choice to build a new store at the east end of the Plaza — closer to BART and easier access for most shoppers. Why have them place it on the San Pablo end?

Everyone knows where it is now and they come to it — walking, driving or riding bikes. For people going to Albany from BART it is straight across; for those who live toward the bay it is still easy access and downhill; but for the people who go in other directions or walk up from BART, to have Lucky's at the San Pablo end would be out of the way, and if walking all uphill with groceries. Let's make it convenient for the customer.

In addition, if it comes to be that a theater is placed in the Plaza let's hope the developers will have sensitivity enough to place entertainments at the west end of the property, further away from the home areas. Visibility would be better as well. El Cerrito and Albany are quiet neighborhoods; we don't need nor want theater traffic on our streets. It could very well create noise, litter and perhaps graffiti — I know this for a fact, as we've lived behind a theater.

Also, why is it necessary for a huge two- or three-story parking garage be built immediately with other redevelopment? There will be plenty of space to build later after it is seen that there is a need. Even when the Plaza was in its prime never were all the parking spaces taken — even with BART nearby.

At the last public hearing one of the speakers made the following points and I think they have merit and

would like others — with the speaker's permission — list them.

1. Use what we have — remodel/use gardens, trees, lighting, benches, trellises and awnings to give a new look.
2. Allow Lucky's to build at the east end - remaining in the old building until they can move into the new — no disruption this way — and other buildings can be built near them if more are needed.
3. Use the old Lucky store for a community resource center — City Hall, library, senior-to-tot center, even day care, as it is convenient to BART.
4. Remodel Emporium 1st floor - a store or stores, 2nd floor - theaters; and 3rd floor - little cafes, mini-brewery, etc.

In addition to cafes, we need at least one if not two good restaurants — not quick food nor coffee shop but finer dining — where you can meet friends or take the family out and be leisurely and know you have been out.

We hope a developer will be chosen that actually looks at the community and the feeder communities and their potential because of the Plaza's location and do something quickly, economically and rightly for us. It should look nice and be convenient — but basically people go to shop — they are not looking at the aesthetics.

The Plaza could be a thriving area, either as a regional shopping center, or if need be, a brand-name factory outlet with good restaurants, keeping all the current tenants. Let's not forget to include and keep the Farmer's Market and other special events which draw in shoppers. El Cerrito and its neighbors are good home areas, and the Plaza should be kept to their standards and needs.

Agnes Harrison
El Cerrito



PET TALK



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By Sylvia Graham DVM

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an occasional flea or two? What other kinds of flea control, if any, are you doing now? How many pets live in the household? Is your pet strictly confined or does your pet have access to potential flea infested areas? Do you bathe your pet more than once a month? Does your dog

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So here I am, as I am on the last Saturday of most months, working with a group of other volunteers, learning what stewardship means. This month we tackle German-ivy and Algerian-ivy; once the rains soften the earth, we will also pull French broom. When the tender new growth of spring wildflowers and ferns makes an appearance, we leave the forest lest our efforts do more harm than good, turning to tasks appropriate to the season.

There is no manual telling us what to do and when, no "Owner's Guide to Albany Hill." Our own attention to the cycles of the seasons and a willingness to learn from the results of our actions have been the primary sources of the necessary information. I feel like we are letting the hill speak to us directly, telling us what it needs from us in order to heal.

As I spend the next several hours hunting for pernicious purple, my mind reflects on what we are doing. Some of my companions had raised questions that I had never considered, such as, "Who are humans to decide which plants have a right to be here and which not?" I realize my response involves ethical

components, primarily reparation and responsibility. Humans are responsible for bringing German-ivy to California, which gives us not only the right but the responsibility to keep it from doing harm to that which was already here, including many plants that grow nowhere except coastal California.

Another question that has been raised is: Why worry about Albany Hill? Such a tiny piece of habitat, harboring nothing critically rare or of global significance, certainly a far cry

from the glamor of ancient redwoods and distant rain forests. Although such awe-inspiring treasures are obviously worth fighting for, our attachment to the earth is superficial, and the long-term battle accordingly futile, if we do not also learn to cherish the ordinary that is part of our daily existence.

I recall the lesson of the fox in *The Little Prince*, how caring for something is itself the act that transforms the ordinary into the special, and transforms the transformer in return. This hill

was undoubtedly special, was in fact home, to the Ohlone who once dwelt here, grinding acorns and feasting on shellfish at the mouth of Cerrito Creek.

It occurs to me that the very ordinariness of Albany Hill could be the greatest treasure it has to offer, the opportunity to cherish the ordinary. In doing so, we take the critical first step in the daunting task of regaining what the Ohlone had here, what my ancestors left behind in northern Europe: a sense of place; a sense of nature, not as something separate, but as home.

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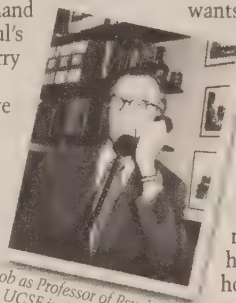
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Children's Book Week celebrated

Berkeley Public Library celebrates Children's Book Week — Nov. 18-24 — with storytelling by some of Northern California's finest storytellers. At the Central Children's Room and South Branch, James Tyrone Wallace will introduce heroes from all backgrounds, particularly American and African-American, with dramatic storytelling, monologues and opportunities for his audience to participate. Wallace's unique storytelling style is honed by over 18 years of experience performing for children. He performs under the auspices of Young Audiences of the Bay Area.

Olga Loya weaves tales of drama and enchantment at the West Branch. Using improvisation, movement and music, she

performs a large repertoire of bilingual Latin American stories and colorful ethnic tales from Africa, India and Asia, dipping into family folklore on occasion.

Tandem storytellers B.Z. Smith and Cynthia Restivo, known as the Story Quilters, bring their lively, theatrical performance to the North and Claremont branches. Working with and playing off each other, they are also known for drawing the audience in and making them part of the stories. The Story Quilters have performed all over Northern California, from the Tracy Bean Festival to the Sonora Celtic Fair.

Here's the schedule: James Tyrone Wallace: Monday, Nov. 18, 3:30, South Branch (1901 Russell); Monday, Nov. 18, 7, Central Library (2090 Kittredge); Olga Loya: Tuesday, Nov. 19, 3:30, West



B.Z. Smith and Cynthia Restivo, known as the Story Quilters.

Branch (1125 University); The Story Quilters: Wednesday, Nov. 20, 3:30, North Branch (1170 The Alameda); Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7, Claremont Branch (2940 Benvenue).

While all the performers have developed their own repertoire and style of storytelling, they will focus this week's programs on stories which bring books alive and em-

phasize the power of reading, and the excitement children can find any time between the covers of a book. The mission of Children's Book Week is to promote joyful reminders that young readers can go anywhere with a book, and that reading is a journey that, once started, will never end.

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History, technology and self-knowledge

First Congregational Church in Berkeley hosts a performance of *At Home in the Universe: A one-man play about the spiritual search in the age of high technology* on Friday at 8 p.m. The play includes characters from the Stone Age up to today as they experience the interplay between technical knowledge and self-knowledge.

Tom Mahon, Walnut Creek resident with 25 years experience writing about technology as a publicist, journalist and novelist, wrote and performs in the 75-minute play.

The church is at 2345 Channing Way (at Dana). Tickets are \$8.

Different time and place



Odile LaVault, accordion and vocals, Rachel Durling, violin, Olier Zyngier, guitar and mandolin, and Richard Trevor, double bass, comprise the Baguett Quartette, which will be performing Saturday at 8 p.m. at St. Alban's, 1501 Washington St., Albany.

The program is designed to transport the audience back in time to a Parisian care in the 30s. Valses musette, jaxas, fox trot and tango will be on the program.

For reservations call 528-3723. Tickets are \$12.

On Friday at 8 p.m., St. Alban's hosts Joyce Todd, soprano, and Meg Cotner, harpsichord, in an evening of "Metamorphosis and Music." The myth of Diana and Actaeon, as told by Ovid, will be highlighted with 17th-century Italian songs and spoken commentary by great writers.

Suggested donation is \$10.

City Club arts events

A special reading by Dr. Elmer Shabart, author of *Memoirs of a Barbed Wire Surgeon*, a book about his experiences as a prisoner of war surgeon during the Bataan Death March in World War II, will take place at the Berkeley City Club on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Shabart will be signing books as well as a new video with the same title that was shot and produced by Claire Burch of Berkeley's Art and Education Media.

For more information call 547-7602 or 849-0153.

At 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18, the arts section of the Berkeley City Club hosts San Francisco artist Diana Krevsky's slide show of her unique three-dimensional, stuffed paintings. These satirical pieces are intended to provide a colorful and sharp examination of human nature.

For information on Krevsky's slide show or the City Club's artists' series (next presentation is Dec. 16), call 848-7800 or 526-0926.

Harp virtuoso

Bryan Bowers, widely regarded as the leading virtuoso of the autoharp, singer-songwriter and storyteller, will appear at Julie's Place, Cedar and Bonita, Berkeley, on Saturday, Nov. 16, 8 p.m. Call 526-4228.



Metermaid drama

Speakeasy Solo presents Karen Hosey in *Confessions of a Metermaid: A Chalker's Guide to Consciousness*, a work in progress detailing powerful and comedic true adventures of a spiritual healer currently employed on the urban front lines as a parking enforcement officer.

Performances are Nov. 15, 22 and 23 at the Speakeasy Theater, 2016 Seventh St., Berkeley. Show times are at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 to \$20 on a sliding scale. Call 845-4100.

More East Bay events next page

Local middle school pieces together percussion project

By Carol Egan

In order to continue offering enrichment programs, including arts and sports, public schools are now being forced to become more creative and community-oriented than ever. Often it is the PTA that steps in to lend a helping hand, at other times businesses make donations. Frequently it will be an individual parent or artist who has a vision and is committed to seeing it through. In any event there must be willingness and interest on the part of the school's staff and administration for such programs to flourish.

In a recent case at the Albany Middle School, it was a combination of all of the above that made it

possible to begin a noontime percussion class, open to any interested student.

Like many schools, Albany Middle School is overcrowded and lacking space where students can find privacy and quiet during their free time. The staff and PTA have created several organized lunchtime activities for the students. Popular events include volleyball, a gardening project and music-listening and taping sessions.

Plans for the percussion project began sometime last year when Keith Terry, percussionist/composer and Albany resident and parent, along with Arturo Flores, vice principal of Albany Middle School, Rondi Hurlbut, then president of

the Albany Middle School PTA, and Peggy Thow, enrichment coordinator for the PTA, considered the possibility of offering a weekly percussion class as another lunchtime activity. The idea for a percussion class arose during a conversation between Terry and Thow.

Terry proceeded to contact New Jersey-based Latin Percussion, one of the largest manufacturers of percussion instruments in the world. It was agreed that his non-profit corporation, Crosspulse, should write a grant proposal requesting the loan of instruments for such a school program. Much to everyone's amazement, Latin Percussion re-

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Amini Baraka, once LeRoi Jones

Poetry + music = funk lore

By Carol Egan

In a collaboratively sponsored event, La Peña Cultural Center and Concepts Cultural Gallery present "Funk Lore," two evenings of provocative poetry and music, featuring poet, playwright, essayist, fiction writer and political activist Amiri Baraka (formerly LeRoi Jones).

On Friday, Nov. 15, La Peña will host "In the Tradition," a rare public discussion with Baraka and Bay Area poets, artists and activists. Subtitled "Black Arts, Liberation and Hip Hop," the discussion will include an examination of the role of art and culture on the Black Liberation movements of the '60s.

Joining Baraka will be panelists Boots from the hip-hop group the Coup and Themba Mshaka, writer and rap editor for Gavin, a radio trade publication. The panel will be moderated by Azibuke, cofounder of Black Star Express, a multimedia cultural arts organization specializing in resistance art.

On Saturday evening, Nov. 16, Baraka returns to demonstrate his dynamic style of poetry/music/song, reading his work to the accompaniment of the jazz duo, Mingus Bo Bingus (pianist Vijay Iyer and bassist Kevin Mingus). Also on the program are poets Deborah Major and Mario Ellis Hill. The performance takes place at the NuUpper Room in Oakland.

One of the most influential African American literary figures of our time, Amiri Baraka attended Rutgers and Howard Universities before joining the U.S. Air Force. In 1957 he settled in New York's Greenwich Village, becoming a central figure in that community. He gained national attention in 1964 with the New York production of his play, *Dutchman*.

Baraka, who identified himself as "die schwartz Bohemien" in his 1964 collection, *The Dead Lecturer*, left the cool, Beatnik world of the



Theresa Brill, 12, teacher Carolyn Brandy, and Saroya Brewer, 11, drum together.

Gibson is great in tension-packed thriller 'Ransom'

By Renata Polt

Ransom is the sort of film whose press kit comes with its own CD ROM. Its posters are everywhere, and it seems like its trailers have been in the theaters for months.

Well, for once the hype is justified. *Ransom*, directed by Ron Howard (*Apollo 13*) and starring Mel Gibson, is guaranteed to keep you glued to your seat chewing the end of your scarf for its full 121 minutes. If you're the nightmare type, you'll have nightmares after.

Gibson plays Tom Mullen, self-made millionaire, owner of the fourth-largest airline in the country. Tom lives in his Fifth Avenue penthouse with wife Kate (Renée Russo, Gibson's co-star in *Lethal Weapon 3*) and son Sean (Brawley Nolte, son of Nick Nolte). He's got everything, even a whispered scandal about having paid off a union leader to abort a machinists' strike.

But from the start of the movie, we're centered not only on Tom and his family, but also on the sleazier "family" that kidnaps Sean. This consists

of two brothers, Clark (*Big Night*'s Liev Schreiber) and the denser Cubby (Donnie Wahlberg); computer whiz (there's one in every thriller) Miles (*Natural Born Killers*' Evan Handler); Maris (Lili Taylor), a caterer who's worked for the Mullens; and Maris' lover, Detective Jimmy Shaker (Gary Sinise), a rogue cop who masterminds the whole thing.

The film clicks back and forth between the two groups, as the Mullens group grows to include FBI Agent Hawkins (Delroy Lindo) and his crew, monitoring the phones and trying to keep Tom and Kate Mullen from self-destructing. Jimmy demands \$2 million, but the FBI's carefully planned scenario — Tom brings the two mill, the agents nab the baddies — misfires during a messy shootout in a quarry, one of the film's most successfully filmed action scenes, all darkness, smoke, and spooky beams of light.

After this fiasco, Tom decides to go it alone. Convinced that the kidnapers will not release his son alive even if he does pay the ransom, he turns the tables on them, a risky move that alienates both Kate

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East Bay Events

Reggae woman

Jamaican Wendy Shaw and her Fully Fullwood Band takes reggae to Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley, at 11 p.m. Friday.



Poetry and music

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Village to become a Black Arts activist after the assassination of Malcolm X in 1965. Eventually he returned to his native Newark where, in the 1967 riots, a concealed weapons charge made him a convicted outlaw.

While in jail, Baraka was committed to solitary confinement. One day, to help pass time and maintain his sanity, he found himself humming the music of John Coltrane. Sometime later he learned that Coltrane passed away that same day.

The idea that music can be the accompaniment for spoken words as well as for singing was not new to Baraka, whose love of music is as strong as his love for words. *Funk Lore*, one of his most recent publications, is a volume of previously uncollected poetry which covers themes in African American music and contemporary politics.

In the last 30 years Baraka has produced 15 volumes of poetry, more than 20 plays, three jazz operas, seven volumes of nonfiction and a novel. Among the many prizes he has received are an Obie Award for playwriting and the Langston Hughes Award from the City College of New York. Baraka has served as professor of English at Columbia University and professor of African Studies at SUNY-Stony Brook.

A trained actress and dancer, Devorah Major is a performer, poet, fiction and essay writer. She approaches poetry as both a written and performing art. Her first novel, *An Open Weave*, published in 1995, won her the First Novelist Award of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association. Her first solo book of poetry, *street smarts*, was published last spring. This fall Major toured England as a performance poet.

Mario Ellis Hill, a native San Franciscan, won the Aloud Anthology Poetry Slam in 1994, which led to his being flown to New York to be featured at the famed Nuyorican Poets' Cafe. In 1995 he was selected to be a member of the San Francisco Poetry Slam Team which competed in the National Poetry Grand Slam, held in Ann Arbor.

Hill frequently collaborates with avant-garde jazz musician John Tchicai in performances at Yoshi's, The Knitting Factory and on the San Francisco Jazz Festival. He currently leads a spoken word/musical unit called the Poetry Machine which experiments and explores the intricate relationship between music and language.

Pianist/bandleader/composer, Vijay Iyer, the son of South Indian immigrants, is among those young artists exploring issues of social, political and cultural identity. Winner of an esteemed Bay Guardian Goldie Award, Iyer feels music to be about "radical expressions of alternative identity, challenges to mainstream aesthetics, and expression of the collective voices of an oppressed group." His definition of music could easily describe the work of all of the artists involved in Funk Lore.

Friday's events take place at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave., in Berkeley; Saturday's will be held at The NuUpper Room located at 1249 34th Ave., Oakland. Both events begin at 8 p.m. For reservations or information call 849-2568.

Percussion

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sponded immediately by sending a shipment of instruments, including brand new conga and bongo drums and an assortment of smaller percussion instruments. The only stipulation LP placed on the loan was that the instruments could be kept at the school as long as there was a teacher hired specifically for the percussion program.

Meanwhile, the PTA received a grant from the Soroptimist Club of Albany and the PTA and teachers, working together, decided to dedicate part of the school's Site Council funds for the percussion program. Vice Principal Flores, at that time recently arrived from Washington, D.C., was totally committed to the project.

The combination of site-council funds and the grant made it possible to begin looking for a teacher. Funding for at least one semester had been secured. With the cooperation of the regular band instructor, they

were also allowed to use the bandroom, where the instruments were also safely stored away.

The organizers all agreed that they wanted to hire a woman to teach what is traditionally a very macho, Afro-Cuban drumming form. As Terry says, "We wanted to make it as girl-friendly as possible." They selected Carolyn Brandy, a well-known professional percussionist. There will also be a special guest teacher once a month.

With a degree from Holy Names College and twenty-eight years of experience as a professional musician, Brandy is more than qualified for the position. She was co-founder of the women's jazz group, "Alive!" which performed for 10 years and produced three LP recordings. Last year she released a CD of her own original work entitled "Skin Talk."

In addition to professional gigs, she's taught for eleven years in the Berkeley schools (primarily at the Arts Magnet School), three years at San Quentin, many years of private

classes and is currently teaching programs at the San Francisco County Jail and Milestones, a halfway-house for recovering offenders (both these programs are funded by the California Arts Council).

Observing Brandy in her fourth class, it was easy to see why she was chosen. It is apparent that she is completely at home with drums, large and small. She is also patient and generous in her rapport with people. As the students filed in throughout the staggered lunch period, she greeted each one personally and made them feel immediately at ease.

Three basic strokes were being worked on: the tone, slap and thud. Brandy explained and demonstrated repeatedly, then listened as each student attempted to reproduce the variations in tone made by striking the drum surface with different positions of the hand. Her remarks, always positive and reinforcing, ranged from "You know it might be helpful if you sit up in your chair,"

to a patter-song, "Move your Stay on the beat!"

Despite the erratic arrival and departures, the sixth, seventh and eighth graders remained focused and respectful of the instrument and each other. Other students currently involved in other lunch programs, also expressed interest in participating.

Brandy, Flores and Pagan now all agree that the program would be better served as an after-school event. As Thow says, "I talked about making this a school club, and that may actually happen."

"If we can build a core of committed students, we really hope someday they'll be able to participate for the school and participate in school festivals."

All of the organizers are looking to receive sufficient funding to continue throughout the year, and eventually to become a regular part of the school enrichment program.

Ransom

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and Agent Hawkins. From here on, the film takes on new twists that maintain the tension until you think it (or you) will pop.

Though *Ransom* centers around the to-the-death conflict of two proud, angry men, it's hardly a slug-it-out no-brainer. The characters are intelligently conceived and developed (by screenwriters Alexander Ignon and the acclaimed Richard Price). Lili Taylor's Maris is particularly watchable as she changes from a tough broad to a human being. The exceptions are the doormat-like Kate Mullen, and Jimmy, who's practically evil incarnate, even when he tells Maris that she's "scared of [her] own humanity," a line badly out of character.

Mel Gibson certainly earns his acting stripes here; I wouldn't be surprised if he got a best-actor Oscar to keep his *Braveheart* statues company.

• Foreign film fans take note: Berkeley's Pacific Film Archive will run a series of classics from the Janus Collection on Saturdays through December. You'll get the chance to see (or revisit) such trea-

sures as *The Third Man*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Shoeshine*, *The Blue Angel*, *The Horse's Mouth*, and many more. Call 642-1412 or pick up a schedule at your nearest coffee shop.

• Also, the Italian Government Cultural Office (Istituto Italiano di Cultura) is showing a series of brand new Italian films over two weekends, Nov. 23-25 and Nov.

29-Dec. 1. Films will be screened at the Delancey Street Foundation screening room at 600 The Barbicadero, and the director of the film will be present at its first showing. For schedules and contact phone (415) 931-FILM.

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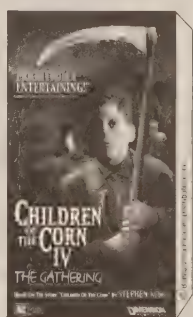
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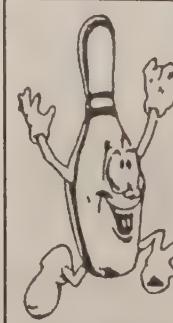
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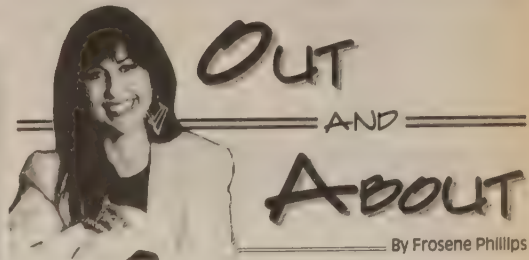
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RESTAURANT BITES: Owner Ahmad Behjati of the Santa Fe Bar & Grill has made some serious additions. The grounds are now complete with gardens that will provide the restaurant with vegetables and herbs. He also has added a patio area, complete with specially designed outdoor furniture and heat lamps. Behjati envisions his patrons exploring the grounds both inside and outside of the restaurant while dining. For example, you could go outside and enjoy your champagne before settling inside for your meal. Or perhaps begin inside and conclude your evening with a glass of port and a cigar outdoors. Anyway you look at it, Behjati is beaming and the renovations in the dining room are as well. The Santa Fe Bar & Grill is located at 1310 University Ave. in Berkeley and is open for lunch and dinner.

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MUSICAL NOTES: Alexander Gailas of Alexander's Ristorante in Orinda has decided to bring some night life back to this community. Interestingly enough, his location once housed the Square Rigger that also featured dining and entertainment. Effective immediately, Alexander's is offering live music and dancing on Saturday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. with Now & Then. Thanks to Gailas, one can dine, view a movie and go dancing without ever moving your car.

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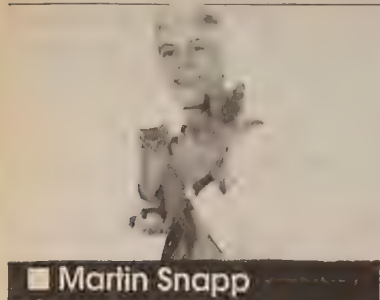
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■ Martin Snapp

Man Against The Machine: When the students who had seized the Campanile in protest of Prop. 209 heard that Mario Savio had died last Wednesday, they burst into tears.

These kids, who weren't even born that fateful day in 1964 when he climbed on top of the police car and started talking to the crowd, knew what many of us had forgotten: We have lost a secular saint.

The media did a hatchet job on Savio back then. (And they're still at it; witness the nasty obit in last week's *San Francisco Chronicle*.) They painted him as a cynical manipulator who seduced naive students — the dreaded 'outside agitator.'

The funny thing is that he was exactly the opposite. I've talked with several people who knew him, and they all agree that all he ever wanted to do was read poetry, hang out with his family, and have intense intellectual discussions with his friends.

Oh, and one thing more: He also wanted to be able to look in the mirror in the morning and see an honest man staring back. And that's what dragged him, much against his will, into politics.

"His moral authority stemmed from the fact that he didn't tell people what to do," says Prof. Reggie Zelnik, who was a junior faculty member back in '64 and is now chairman of the History Department.

"It was a time when people were feeling their way and unsure about what to do, and he reflected that perfectly. He took his audience through his own thinking process, acknowledging his own doubts, before arriving at a conclusion. If someone had an alternate view, he'd listen seriously; and he was not above changing his position if he thought they were right."

He maintained that open mind, even under the greatest pressure. "When he gave the speech on top of the police car, we were surrounded by two or three thousand ROTC and fraternity boys," remembers Mike Rossman, who was Savio's colleague on the FSM Steering Committee. "They were flipping lighted cigarettes at us and howling for our blood, and everything was getting really tense. But Mario was still trying to reason with them!"

In this willingness to plumb his own depths, as well as others', Savio was like another man who was accused of leading young people astray: Socrates. "You react as if I were claiming to know what I was examining and could explain it to you if I wanted," said Socrates to one of his friends. "Far from that, I am seeking along with you. I am hunting myself down, for fear of thinking that I know what I do not, in fact, know."

Savio's humility was evidenced in other ways, too. His temporary withdrawal from the public scene after FSM was one. Another was his penchant for treating everyone, no matter how humble, with respect. In short, the great man was also a good man.

Mike Rossman remembers one time, at the height of the crisis, when an emergency steering committee had been going on for eight or nine hours. Nerves were frayed to the breaking point. Suddenly, a disheveled-looking loony shambled in and blurted out a question for Savio.

"And the meeting screeched to a halt as Mario got up, walked over, sat down with the guy and patiently heard him out," says Rossman. "Then the guy left, Mario came back, and we went on with the meeting."

It would be nice to report that life was kind to Savio, as a reward for his good works. But it's not true. He never made much money, and he was depressed about the rightward trend in this country.

But he did have a family who loved him and shared his love for the truth. Unfortunately, life has one last cruel trick to play; it's in the nature of bureaucracy that when you die, your paycheck stops. So some of his friends have set up a fund to help tide his family over. I know there are many of you who wish you could thank this great man for way he changed your life. One way would be to donate to the Savio Family Fund, c/o ILE, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA 94928.

And there's another way, too. As Country Joe McDonald sang at Monday's touching ceremony at the unveiling of the Berkeley Vietnam Veterans Memorial:

*Oh, when our struggle's over and we all are free
When a new day's dawning, think of me.
It's been a long time coming, but I won't be there,
When you see the sun risin', think of me.
Think of me, and carry on.
Think of me, and carry on.
And carry on!*

We shall overcome, Mario.

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in *The Journal*. Write Martin c/o Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619, phone him at 273-9039, or e-mail him at Snapp@BMUG.org or Catman1@earthlink.net

Seats

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build a 150-table cardroom at the Golden Gate Fields Racetrack, passed by a narrow margin in November 1994, no application for the project has been submitted. If none is submitted by February, the development agreement will expire and the cardroom will essentially have been defeated without the suit winning a single battle in court.

CRG's current appeal is one to which they are mandatorily entitled. The expiration of the development agreement did not become likely until this month, when the appeals court failed yet again to schedule the case for oral argument. The matter could also generate a whole new round of controversy as City Attorney Robert Zweben and CRG attorney Bob Outis are, as usual, at odds as to the legality of extending the deadline.

For his part, the newly-elected Ely said he was unaware of the development and spoke more to the city's future as a whole. He said one of his first priorities as a council member would be to "get people who feel alienated into the process (of city government)" by filling vacancies on city boards and commissions, and to move forward with public hearings on Measure R, of which he was a strong opponent.

He also said he would have to speak to Zweben as to his eligibility as a CRG member to vote as a council

member on the cardroom.

While Ely and Feiner found themselves in a rather tight race, 16-year school board member Peggy Thomsen cruised to an easy victory while putting forth what many described as a middle-of-the-road stance on most issues. She said she would make an increased tax base one of her first priorities, and emphasized that many positions on city commissions would now be available and encouraged interested citizens to apply.

Good, who beat incumbent Bill Lewis by a mere 25-vote margin in the 1992 council election, placed a strong second despite spending the smallest amount of money on his campaign. Although he has taken a number of stands on the more political issues the council has faced over the past few years, Good has toed the line on day-to-day matters such as redevelopment and on city-sponsored Measure R.

Although name recognition for Good and Thomsen undoubtedly played a factor, some also speculate that because only four candidates ran for three seats, those staking out the strongest positions were at a disadvantage.

"I find it interesting that taking a strong position was not doing yourself any favors," Feiner said.

Feiner also speculated that his defeat may have stemmed from his support of the cardroom, which he said had few strong supporters and many strong oppo-

nents among the voters he talked to. He said those who have criticized the council interventionist forward and advocate what they think is the best course of action.

As for the school board, Jewel Okawachi, first "official" write-in candidate in at least 10 years, lost by just over 300 votes to former council member Bill Cain. Previously unknown Owen J. Jackson, a retired teacher, was a write-in candidate, but lost to the show as the top vote-getter, while Dave L. Smith placed last.

Charter Review Chair Tony Caine's campaign for City Treasurer did not fare well despite the fact he took against incumbent Kim Denton. The fact he got as point man for city-sponsored Measure N and O, which failed, apparently did little to help his campaign, on which he spent a mere \$125.

"I guess you get what you pay for," he said. The newly-elected school board and city council members will find themselves with no shortage of work to tackle, with the proposed middle school still to be built around town. In addition to the possible extension of the cardroom development agreement, the new council will also be looking at redevelopment of the Pablo Avenue Vision Plan in the near future.

The new council will most likely be sworn in Dec. 2, after the results of the election are counted.

Measures

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"The level of conflict over the policy stands taken by some leaders of the group in public ... have made it necessary for the best interests of the Sierra Club's members to suspend the activities of the group until these problems can be resolved," said a letter to the group from Sierra Club President Adam Werbach.

Although the San Francisco Bay Chapter of the club endorsed Measure R, the club's executive committee, the NAC group voted against it, a move which was brought to the attention of the press by group member and Albany resident Jerri Holan.

Norman La Force, the S.F. Bay chapter's legal chair, said Holan and the NAC group violated policy both by publicizing the vote and by distributing its results on club letterhead, thus "confusing the public" as to the club's position.

"There can be no position of the (NAC) group," La Force said. "Internal discussions are superseded by whatever action is taken by the club as a whole."

La Force also said the group acted improperly by distributing a campaign piece, also on club letterhead, in favor of council candidate Bob Good which listed

Good's support of Measure Q (Holan is a Measure Q backer) and opposition to the cardroom as reasons to re-elect him. According to La Force, the club has no position on either matter.

Holan, on the other hand, said she did not misrepresent club positions and that she merely reported the NAC group's vote. "When I express opposition to Measure R, I am speaking as an American citizen, Albany resident, and a Sierra Club member who has a constitutional right to free speech," she wrote in a letter to Alan Carlton, the club's conservation chair.

NAC group members may no longer speak on behalf of the Sierra Club and must return all club assets or face criminal prosecution. Their actions will be investigated by the club's national Board of Directors.

Although voters showed their willingness to let the council move forward with its environmental agenda, they were not so hot on Measures L, M and N, which, with no campaign behind them, were defeated easily.

"I think it was largely an anti-council vote," said Tony Caine, chair of the Charter Review committee, who speculated voters may have been suspicious of the city "trying to put one over on them."

City-sponsored Measure O also did not fare well

and was defeated by approximately the same margin as Citizen-sponsored Measure Q, on the other hand, its way into the City Charter by a narrow margin, meaning volunteers on city boards and commissions may now only be removed "for cause."

The two measures stem from City Councilmember Elizabeth Baker's request last year for all her appointees to resign, which resulted in the forced resignation of former council member Bill Cain from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Holan from the front committee. If both passed, the one measure would have won more votes.

"It sends a very clear message to City Hall that we don't treat volunteers this way," Holan said.

The difficulty in passing any initiative named itself in Measure P, which allows city officials to petition until the results of the election are certified. Close to 80 percent of those who chose to vote on the measure voted against it.

Some voters, in fact, chose not to vote on the initiatives at all. Although well-publicized Measure P enticed 89 percent of voters to make their mark, just 80 percent voted on L, M and N, with 70 percent voting on O and P and 68 percent making their will known.

Rubicon

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years, with a call at seven years, the agency loan is requested to be made in November of 2003. Until that time, Rubicon will make its own loan payments.

Contra Costa County has also made a commitment of direct financial assistance to the project.

In November of 1995, the Redevelopment Agency adopted a resolution approving a loan to Rubicon for the project, not to exceed \$300,000. The loan was conditioned on Rubicon obtaining all planning and building approvals, receiving a loan commitment from the LIHF, financial assistance from the county and an allocation of tax credits.

Rubicon has apparently met all the preconditions, though it is now asking for a loan of \$350,000 to pay off the LIHF loan in seven years.

Youth

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as more than half of those present chose to focus attention there.

A graffiti wall and a teen center were among the hottest topics in the recreational activities group, which was joined by three members of the middle school's Leadership Committee who'd originally shown up to babysit. There was also talk of a skateboard park and a teen council, with a general feeling that there are not enough activities available for the city's youth.

Graffiti Buster Matt Rinaldi provided some of the most vocal criticism of that idea, echoing concerns expressed at a City Council meeting in September by Police Chief Larry Murdo over a possible graffiti wall. Rinaldi labeled graffiti which his group removed from the veteran's building this summer as "vile and ob-

scene," saying it depicted graphic sexual acts. He said the city's last attempt to provide a wall resulted in climbing higher and higher to make their marks on the wall.

"If you create a graffiti wall, it's filled up the next day," Rinaldi said. "What happens next?"

The wall had its defenders, however. Leah Stein of the Albany Teen Center said the wall would provide a needed outlet for youth, and might even result in graffiti on other buildings around town.

"If you don't give them a place to do it, they're going to do it anyways," she said.

A possible teen cafe was the other hot topic seemed to spark the greatest interest in young people. Rachel Wiley, 14, said a cafe would give youth "something to do on Friday night rather than sit and watch TV." She also echoed the desires of 14-year-old Daniel Schmidt, the only youth who deliberated at the meeting, for a skateboard park in Albany.

Claire Sheldon, 13, was also in favor of a skateboard park and of an expanded teen center, which she called a "square box" that offered little in terms of recreation. Parents supported the idea of a teen cafe as well, although there was some skepticism as to how the project might be funded.

The other two sub-groups focused on community and educational opportunities. The community group came back with recommendations of a site and community calendar and a lament that many people had not shown up at the meeting. Those interested in education came back with ideas of a post-mentoring program.

The plan then garnered a final round of comments during which some repeated the difficulty of achieving various goals. Others said the 50-plus page plan was too long and needed a narrower focus. The task force will meet on Nov. 19 to review feedback the plan acquired since its release this summer.

Proposition 218's future impacts

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Community members gearing up to prepare another fire assessment district proposal in the light of last week's Measure H defeat may not yet realize the situation will be a bit different in the next "election."

A new proposal may be designed that will gain the support of former opponents. Many residents, however, won't even be able to vote on it.

Earlier this week, city manager Gary Pokorny explained some of the implications of the passage of Prop. 218, the so-called "Right to Vote" act. Though exact implementation details have not yet been determined, it's clear that the new state law will seriously impact assessment plans.

For one thing, said Pokorny, only property owners in El Cerrito will have a say on whether an assessment is to be instituted or not. In other words, residents who do not own their homes will not vote.

In addition, he said, "the votes are weighted according to the amount of the assessment that property owner is scheduled to pay."

Commercial property owners pay an amount proportional to an equivalent residential unit. Measure H opposition organizer Bill Kerber, for example, owns the Freeway Motel. If a \$75 annual residential assessment had been approved, Kerber said he would have been charged \$300 annually.

According to those numbers, Kerber would have four times the vote of a single residential property owner if a \$75 assessment is proposed.

Pokorny said the vote will be done by mail; all listed property owners, whether residents or non-residents of El Cerrito, would receive the ballot. At a pre-determined deadline date, the weighted votes would be counted.

"The outcome will be determined by the majority of those who return their ballots by the deadline, not by the majority of eligible voters," he said.

Pokorny is fairly certain that the new laws call for that scenario where assessments are concerned. He said, though, that many "murky" areas remain for interpretation by the legislature and by the courts.

He is not sure, for example, whether or not the assessment need be tied in with a regular election in March or November.

"It is our understanding that this could happen any time," he said. "I don't think anything in the propo-

sition speaks to when you could put out one of these assessment elections."

(The proposition does speak more directly to the establishment of bond issues and tax overrides, he said.)

Another important issue has to do with the need for establishing an assessment district in the first place. A large portion of the money generated is meant to cover lost revenues, including Emporium sales taxes. The city's real property transfer tax was also expected to be lost if Prop. 218 passed.

Pokorny said, however, "it's inconclusive whether (cities will lose) the real property transfer tax. We're waiting for the outcome of several court cases."

Some city council members had expressed concern that all new assessments and taxes would have to go to the voters annually, impacting the city's ability to do any long-range planning or budgeting.

According to Pokorny, it's not clear whether an assessment approved by property owners under the new scenario would have to come back to them every year.

When asked about the possibility of including a "sunset clause" in any new assessment proposal, as many citizens have called for, Pokorny said that might be a possibility.

"Looking at the proposition, we believe an assessment can be set up in a variety of ways," he said. "We could set it up for a period of years (i.e., a sunset clause). Of course, that period would have to be stated up front."

"There appears to be some flexibility," he said.

At the same time, Pokorny stressed the fact that "this is one of the gray areas the state would have to address" in working out the implications and implementation of the new law.

He noted, for example, that Prop. 218 does allow cities to set up construction projects and "spread the cost for them over the next period of years."

"An assessment is not capital construction," he said. "The question is, could you set one up for X number of years, and would that also qualify? Some language suggests that it does."

From Pokorny's viewpoint, a decision by the state that all assessments have to go before the voters every year "would be the worst possible scenario."

The League of California Cities is scheduling a number of briefing sessions and other meetings on Prop. 218 and its implications for city governments.

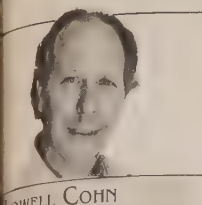
School celebrates its 20th anniversary in El Cerrito

EL CERRITO — This October, Windrush School in El Cerrito will celebrate its 20th year of education in the Bay Area youth.

As it enters the next generation of education, Windrush School has a lot to celebrate. Just a few years ago, the school received accreditation from the California Association of Independent Schools and the December Windrush will finalize one of its many community-wide accomplishments yet — purchasing their current site, which was built in 1935 as a home for Chinese boys. This purchase will ensure that Windrush will have a permanent home for generations to come.

"This is truly an exciting time for us," said Ed Fox, Director of Windrush School. "We've spent the past 20 years providing our students with a safe, democratic and a nurturing environment, and we look forward to many more years of quality education."

In 1976, Windrush was a sister school to the El Cerrito Brick Road Preschool in Kensington, and in 1978, not-for-profit corporation was formed establishing Windrush School as it is known today. In 1980, Windrush moved to its present location at 1800 St. with an enrollment of 88 students. Today there are 235 students and 40 employees and staff.



LOWELL COHN

Cowboys lose their swagger, but win the game

SAN FRANCISCO — There was a definite "clothes" theme to the Cowboys' 20-17 victory over the 49ers Sunday. As Michael Sanders stepped down from a podium at a post-game news conference, he noticed Michael Irvin walk into the room. "Ladies and gentlemen," Sanders announced, pointing at Irvin, "the Pimp-of-the-Year Award."

As far as I know, no one ever has accused Irvin of that. To be more accurate Sanders could have said, "Alleged Drug-User-of-the-Year Award," or "Hotel-Renter-of-the-Year Award." What prompted Sanders' remark was Irvin's outfit — a white Panama hat, dark shades, a black suit and a gold earring.

Irvin grinned when he heard that Sanders said, and Sanders frowned in mock contrition. "Did I introduce you wrong?" Irvin asked.

Irvin didn't answer, although he could have brought up the subject of Sanders' clothes if he'd wanted to. Sanders was dressed all in burgundy — jacket, pants, shoes. And although he didn't look anything like what he'd accused Irvin of being, he looked funny nevertheless. More than anything he resembled a giant infidel grape, and if our local wine critic, Alan Goldfarb, was here, he might have squeezed and bottled Sanders.

The interplay between the two Cowboys was lighthearted. Why not? The Cowboys had just put themselves squarely into the playoff picture at the 49ers' expense. After the Cowboys had blown away a game against the Eagles last week and fallen to a record of 5-4, people were saying they were finished. But the Eagles and Redskins lost Sunday, and now the Cowboys were back in the saddle, or to the Barry Switzer's metaphor: "We're right in the middle of this thing. We're riding the horse over the hills. We're the Cowboys."

Well, yippee kai yay.

role reversal

After the game, and this will surprise you, the Cowboys weren't bragging and crowing, their usual m.o. This was an unexpected development considering the Cowboys are among the biggest big-mouths in sports. But at one time this season, they were 1-3, and that was a team humility, even the Dallas Cowboys.

Irvin, for example, was lavish in praise for the Niners. "They're good," he said. "They're good. Period." This was in marked contrast to what Irvin did before the game. He and Niners long snapper Randy Kirk got into a scuffle, but the story differs depending on who's telling it. Kirk says Irvin was disrupting San Francisco's pregame taping drill. Irvin says the Niners were interfering with the Cowboys.

Suddenly, there they were, Kirk and Irvin in each others' faces right there on the field. They yelled at each other, and then Irvin slapped Kirk on the side of the helmet. Later, Kirk couldn't reveal what he'd said to elicit such an angry response, except to explain, "Whatever I said, I didn't say it very nicely." Maybe he called Irvin a pimp. By the time the game ended, Irvin was in a better mood. Let me note that he didn't slap

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Gauchos silence Dons in bitter rivalry

By John Gardella

The magnitude of El Cerrito's 56-12 route of De Anza was evident with under one minute left in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League game.

As time wound down, several players doused head coach Frank Milo and assistant coach Adolph Bertero with Gatorade.

No matter that one game remains in El Cerrito's regular season, and that the outcome will

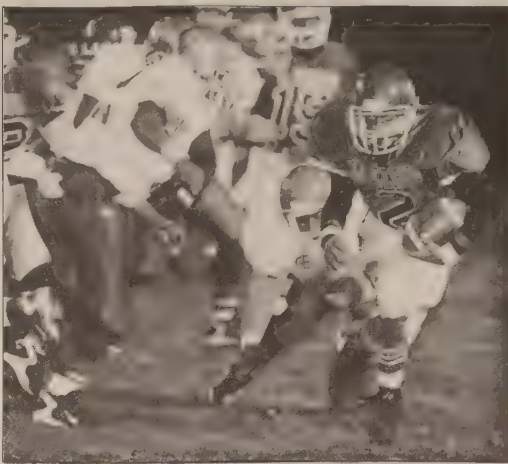
decide the ACCAL regular season champ, humbling De Anza was as big a win as the team will get all season.

"Ever since passing league we've been looking forward to this said," Donny Davis, whose play on both sides of the ball was inspiring. "The match was billed as the game of the year, but it was over seven seconds into the first quarter."

On the first play from scrimmage, Antoine Lacy, the East Bay's leading rusher, took a handoff and ran 72 yards for the touchdown. After Dan Ursini's PAT, the Gauchos led 7-0.

Less than 10 minutes later, with 2:10 left in the quarter, Lacy scam-

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EC's Marcus Parham breaks free for a touchdown in rout over De Anza. El Cerrito seeks the ACCAL title Friday against Encinal.

Jeff Lindquist

Trouble follows Berkeley

By Mac Montandon

It's not as though Berkeley football goes looking for trouble. Nevertheless, lately trouble has found the Yellowjackets.

Two weeks ago, at Amador Valley, referees inexplicably stopped the game twice to remove any non-players or coaches from

Berkeley's sideline — including statisticians and reporters. The second delay seemed to disrupt the Yellowjacket's momentum, and they went on to lose 22-7, in a game for first place in the East Bay Athletic League.

Last Friday, playing on the road at Monte Vista (2-7, 1-3 EBAL), the Jackets suffered a Mustang stampede.

With Berkeley on its way to a 36-13 EBAL win, a few Monte Vista players began taking out their frustrations on fallen Berkeley fullback Matt Werner.

Werner, who transferred from Monte Vista before this season, was on the ground after a play when a crowd of Mustangs began punching and kicking him, according to Berkeley coach Joe Martin. Three Monte Vista players were ejected

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A bad streak SM loses third straight game

By John Gardella

This season has gone wrong awfully fast for the St. Mary's High School football team.

St. Mary's, a perennial power in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League, is rebuilding. That is the only way to explain a 3-4 league record.

The latest loss, the third straight defeat for the Panthers, was a 48-29 home loss to Piedmont. "They have a well coached team," SM coach Dan Shaughnessy said. "They did all the right things today."

Piedmont scored 26 first-half points to take a 26-20 lead at intermission.

The Panthers were persistent, mounting comeback after comeback before running out of gas in the third quarter. The Highlanders scored twice in the first quarter, including a 70-yard touchdown pass from Mike Adams to Coji Watanabe.

After that touchdown made the score 14-0, the Panthers answered with their first score. Kwamin Taylor took a handoff on the third play of the drive and ran 56 yards for the score. Paki Gordon ran in the 2-point conversion and the Panthers

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Lindsay Watty, Libby Sanger, Karen Sillers, Lindsay Kagawa, Megan Meyers and Sara Ness have dedicated their youths toward winning a state title.

Jeff Lindquist

Sharing a common goal

Six Albany seniors have one dream to win state title

By Mac Montandon

They've spent the last four years turning Albany girls' volleyball into a state power. Their story, however, began well before they ever entered high school.

As kids, they grew up together, playing in Albany's tree-lined streets. They were friends first, teammates later.

Their names are now familiar to anyone who follows the sport locally: Lindsay Kagawa, Karen Sillers, Megan Meyer, Sara Ness, Libby Sanger and Lindsay Watty. Entering their fourth year of varsity play, the six seniors lead a team that is trying for a third consecutive Alameda Contra

Costa Athletic League title.

Only a major upset can stop them, as they have had little trouble in compiling a perfect league record to date. Ultimately, the CIF State Championship is their goal, and what they've been working toward during their high school careers.

Before a recent match, the seniors had time to reflect on their memorable years together.

"In Albany," Kagawa explained, "the thing to do for little girls is play volleyball."

"It's sort of like football is in other areas," Sanger added.

Kagawa, Meyer, and Ness have been playing club ball since the fifth grade. Sanger, Sillers, and Watty since seventh.

On the court, the seniors usually

occupy five of the six spots. Positioning keeps a sixth from joining them, as coach Konrad Ott engages his deep bench in heavy rotation.

Their play is seamless, time and talent have conspired to render this Cougar squad a quietly crushing organism. Compared with other teams, few words are necessary in organizing a play. "Everyone knows their roles," Sanger said, by way of explaining the intuitiveness of their game.

"Besides, we hate it when other teams scream," Kagawa stressed, "Put that in."

Her teammates laughed knowingly.

To watch an Albany match is to see democracy realized. Each

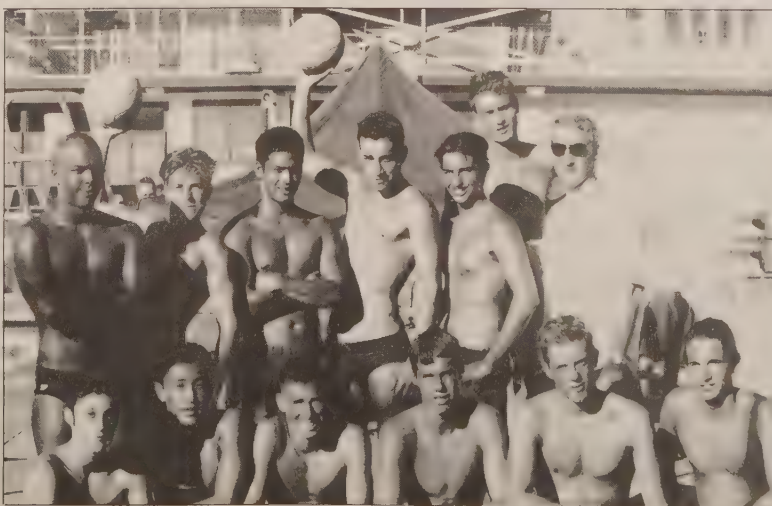
player is so athletic and capable that even Kagawa, a superior competitor highlighted nationally on ESPN, manages to blend in.

In conversation, it's a different story. Kagawa, articulate and intelligent, is quick to speak up for her classmates. Clearly, she knows them well enough, and their agendas are similar enough that she might guess their answers.

The others nodded along in unison when Kagawa spoke, like a bouncing ball accenting her words. Occasionally, one of them added a line to one of her phrases.

"I expect us to win. North Coast," Kagawa said, "We should go to state championships, but

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Berkeley water polo graduates the entire team, leaving a lot of work for coach Bill Gaebler, right.

Deanne Burke

Berkeley water polo makes a splash at North Coast meet, finishing seventh

By Mac Montandon

Though summer is now a fading memory, for some, this is the best time of year to be in the pool.

For Berkeley water polo, being in the pool meant competing in the North Coast Section Water Polo Championships, which took place November 5-8.

The Yellowjackets entered the tournament as a seventh seed out of some 40 teams in the section. That is also how they finished the competition, after going 1-1 in NCS play.

In the first round, the Jackets defeated 10th seed Encinal, the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League champion, 20-11. Coming up against a tough De La Salle squad in round two, Berkeley fell 18-9.

De La Salle entered the competition as the second seed.

For the tournament, the Jackets were led by seniors Toby Magree and Brandon Williams.

Magree blazed a multitude of Speedo-fueled torpedoes across the greenish water in scoring eight goals against Encinal, and five against De La Salle. Williams contributed four goals in the Berkeley win, and two more in its loss.

Both Magree and Williams were named to last year's East Bay Athletic League all-league team, and figure to have a good shot at making it again this year when the team is announced later this month.

Berkeley came away from the EBAL tournament on Nov. 1st and 2nd, also having won once and lost

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any reporters. "In the locker room and on the bus we were just quiet," he said. "Everyone knew what we had to do."

Guard Nate Newton also bore witness to the quiet, determined mood of the Cowboys. "We just outplayed them," he said. "We quit talking and played. You've got to make your plays, make them in a businesslike fashion. Hey, we're not 8-2. We're 6-4."

For his part, Sanders was so full of love for the Niners (this is his take on the day, not mine), that he claims he actually sought out Jerry Rice during the game and said he was sorry about Rice's wife, who'd had complications in childbirth.

"I told him I prayed for him," Sanders said.

Even Emmitt Smith got into the theme of the Cowboys' spiritual rebirth. Smith was wearing a black suit and a white shirt without a collar. The outfit looked like a tuxedo with some of the fabric yanked off. As Smith walked into the interview room, Irvin joked, "Stay away from my tailor." Because Smith had not heard the pimp remark, he didn't take offense.

Instead, he talked about Ken Norton, Jr. "I asked him why he talked so much noise to me," Smith recalled. "He said, 'Because I love you.' I said, 'My momma loves me, but she doesn't talk noise.'"

It is interesting that the 49ers, not the Cowboys, talked noise, which gives the distinct impression that one team was ready for the game and one wasn't. According to Smith, when the Cowboys fell behind, everyone in the huddle kept saying, "We believe." After Troy Aikman was intercepted in the fourth quarter, an eerie echo of his interception last week in Philly which lost the game, the Cowboys began yelling, "We've got to get them."

"Before you know it, we got a pick (interception)," Smith said. "And guys came on the field saying, 'We believe. We believe.'"

That would have been the pick Elvis Grbac threw to give Dallas yet another life, which led to the tying touchdown, which led to overtime, which led to the inevitable loss. Anyone watching the game knew the Cowboys would score a winning field goal. The greatest myth about the 49ers is that they have a dominating defense which will always win the game for them. They couldn't dominate the Packers in overtime, and they couldn't dominate Dallas.

Hey, they had the Cowboys first-and-20 in the game's final drive, and still couldn't hold them off. None of this is to say the 49ers are in trouble like the Raiders, who are quickly sliding into irrelevance. Sure, the 49ers will make the playoffs. Sure, they are a good team. But there are worries just over the horizon, because, when it counted, the Cowboys — goofy clothes, questionable morals, doofus coach — took care of business, and the 49ers just didn't.

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once. The Jackets defeated California High 14-11 in the first round, before falling to San Ramon Valley, 16-15, in the championship match.

For the season, Berkeley compiled a 23-4 record. Coach Bill Gaebler considered it a remarkable run.

"We had an excellent year," Gaebler said. "Any time you can do that (go 23-4), you'd have to say it was quite a year."



Marianne Stanley has seen her share of national titles, but it will be a hard road at Cal.

Cal's got its work cut out

John Gardella

Judging by the talent level at Bay Area colleges, first-year Cal head coach Marianne Stanley and the Bears have their work cut out for them.

Stanford, with coach Tara VanDerveer back the helm after taking a year off to coach the Olympic women's basketball team, is the preseason No. 1 team in nearly every poll. The University of San Francisco basketball team reached the NCAA Sweet 16 last year, and should be a Top 25 team this year. Santa Clara and St. Mary's improved themselves through several touted recruits each.

Stanley acknowledged the fact that Cal is sharing the Bay Area with programs more advanced than the one she inherits at Cal in last week's Bay Area women's

college basketball media day at Planet Hollywood in San Francisco.

"I think it is indicative of the growth of the game," Stanley said of women's basketball's popularity, especially in this area. "I feel the Bay Area has become a hotbed of women's basketball."

VanDerveer, who is, perhaps, most responsible for the popularity of the game, having coached Stanford to two national championships in the past seven years, and last summer coached the Olympic women's basketball team to the Gold Medal, echoed Stanley's statements.

"West Coast basketball is alive and well," VanDerveer said. And St. Mary's coach Terri Rubenstein called women's basketball "a great product in the Bay Area."

Cal, coming off three straight losing seasons, will visit USF and St. Mary's before embarking on its Pac-10 season.

Stanley tries her magic at Cal

Former Stanford, USC coach tries to turn Bears around

By John Gardella

"I'd like to give special note of thanks to my colleagues, particularly Tara VanDerveer, and also to the media, for all the support they showed me last season, and in the last three years since I left USC."

With that statement, new Cal women's basketball coach Marianne Stanley closed one chapter of her basketball career and began another last week at the Bay Area women's basketball press conference at Planet Hollywood. The following evening, Stanley's team opened up the exhibition season with a 58-49 win over Amager Club (Denmark) in her first game as the coach of the Bears.

But that may be one of few wins Stanley gets from her team. The coach with a .718 career winning percentage and three national championships while coach at Old Dominion, inherits a team that has had three straight losing seasons, finishing 7-20 last year, including just three wins in the Pac-10.

"I seem to keep getting myself into this position of coming in and taking a program from where it is to where it wants to be," Stanley said. "I was able to step in at USC and do that. Obviously, it has less to do with coaching and more to do with the kind of players you surround yourself with, the kind of people that can get the job done."

The first year Stanley took over as head coach at USC in 1989-90, the Trojans finished the season 8-19. The following year they improved to 18-12. In Stanley's third year at the helm, USC advanced to the third round of the NCAA tournament and finished up with a 23-8 record.

Stanley has a track record of being able to get just those kinds of

players. While at Old Dominion, the former Immaculata great coached Hall of Famers Nancy Lieberman and Anne Donovan. When she guided USC to the NCAA Elite Eight in 1992, the key player was Olympic star Lisa Leslie.

"The most important task that I have is to attract to Cal the type of student athletes that are deserving to be there," Stanley said. "The ones that can take to the next level, and to where we can compete with the top level of the Pac-10. That's the ultimate goal."

Stanley was co-head coach at Stanford with Amy Tucker last season while head coach Tara VanDerveer spent the year coaching the Olympic Team which won the gold in Atlanta. She and Tucker guided the Cardinal to a 29-3 record and a Final Four appearance, but conceded the Bears have a way to go before they can compete with the Stanfords and Oregons.

"We're certainly not expected to do that in the first year," Stanley said of competing with the Pac-10's upper division. "The immediate goal to set up a framework of how we can get to where we want to go."

"The first thing is to get off that slippery slope of losing. It's extremely difficult when you have had one or two losing seasons to put on the breaks and start that upward trend."

Stanley's goal in terms of wins is a modest one. Last year's UPI and Pac-10 Co-Coach of the Year, along with Tucker, said a .500 record and a finish somewhere in the middle of the conference are reasonable aspirations.

In a recent media poll, the Bears are to finish eighth in the 10-team conference, ahead of Oregon State and Arizona State.

Talent exists

The Bears are not some talented players.

Sophomore guard Smith has the potential to be the top guards in the Pac-10, according to Stanley. The point guard started five games for Cal as a freshman.

"The idea with Smith," Stanley said, "is to take that Philadelphia point guard that's in me, and what I learned over the years, and still it in her. Now, we've got a quick kid that understands the game and makes good decisions."

Senior forward Pat Czepiec is the team's leading scoring scorer. She had a high 17 points against the Club.

"She is as athletic and entered a wing player as we in the Pac-10," Stanley said Czepiec.

"Although this is a tough season, it's one we're positive about," Stanley said.

Stanley's odyssey the three years is well chronicled. One of the most successful coaches in college basketball, Stanley, while coach at USC in 1993, sought a salary equal to that of men's head coach George Raveling. She was fired as a result of the lawsuit.

Although having won national championship player and coach, Stanley's controversial firing seemed to weigh her credentials in the head coach. She applied close to 100 jobs since dismissed as the Trojans' coach but received negligible back.

St. Mary's

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had narrowed the lead to 14-8. Taylor rushed 12 times for a game-high 156 yards and two touchdowns.

The two teams alternated in scoring four touchdowns in the second quarter. The Panthers two scores came courtesy of Taylor's five-yard run and Ben Gerbacio's 30-yard TD reception.

The Panthers opened the second half scoring on their fifth play from scrimmage when Gordon scored on an 8-yard run. The Panthers took a brief one-point lead, 27-26 after the PAT.

But the Highlanders used a trick play on the ensuing kickoff. It was play Shaughnessy said his team never recovered from.

On the kickoff, Yuki Yamazaki fielded the ball and pitched it to Watanabe who returned it 83 yards for the score. Piedmont scored twice more, while all the Panthers could manage was a safety.

The Panthers' defense leaked 463 total yards, including 266 passing yards to Adams.

SM's offense moved the ball in the first half, but was shut down in the second half. Devin Poche-West rushed for 86 yards. Gerbacio had two catches for 36 yards.

Jackets harriers find it tough running in a new league

By Mac Montandon

Are all those people running out of the hills Raider fans bolting for another town? Most of them probably are, but some were competing in the East Bay Athletic League cross country championships, held last Thursday at Oak Hill Park in Danville.

Berkeley fielded a boys' team for the 3-mile run, however it only

had two girls competing, and couldn't meet the five runner limit required to form a complete varsity girls' team. That didn't stop Yellowjacket seniors Lauren Smith and Hannah Sarvasy from running anyway. Smith finished 17th, in 22:46. Sarvasy placed 31st place at 26:18.

Senior Toby Perry led the Berkeley boys, running a 19:44 race,

good for 25th place. Junior Willie Carter, whom coach Keith Conning considered his strongest runner this season, came in 27th place at 19:48.

Tom Hitchner was next for Berkeley in 35th place. He completed the course in 21:07. Freshman Joseph Graly ran at a 21:39 clip, coming in 37th.

Sophomore Andrew Lee's 24:22 was good for the 40th spot.

Berkeley came in with 164 points. After recording a 3-3 record last year in the Berkeley Athletic League, the were not able to win a season in the more talented. They were also without David Taylor and An Hor league championships. Bears were injured during season.

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...e but she didn't want to. "I
...to be in my own bed," she
...e. Besides, you already have
...hands full. You can't take care
...too."

...and so she hired assistance at
...turned out to be a surprisingly
...cost. She didn't require full
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...come in for and hour here and
...because she didn't know when
...would be needed. A twenty-
...hour person was the only an-
...er, and this is very expensive.

...We assured one another fre-
...quently that the situation was only
...orary, that she'd be on her in-
...dent feet again soon. But she

wasn't, and as the cost of helpers
rose, she fretted that she was run-
ning out of cash and, worse in her
mind, would be forced to tap into
her children's inheritance.

This last seemed nonsense to me,
and I said so. What I wanted, I said,
was not her money, but her, prefer-
ably well and happy in her own
home.

Our minds are racing. We'd like to figure out how to keep this woman in her house.

It didn't matter what I said. For
years she had generously paid for
piano lessons, new shoes, and camp-
ing equipment for my children, but
had not spent much of anything
beyond the basics on herself.

I know that she worried terribly
as time went on and she was not her

"old self." Still, whenever she could,
she offered me a good word. I'd call
and she'd say, "I'm pretty good
today, slept well and Barbara fixed
me a nice breakfast."

These were the good days, but
Barbara was still there, and we both
knew she or someone else like her
would probably continue to be.

Could we have planned better
for this time? I don't know.

My mother began a teaching ca-
reer late, in her early forties after
my father died. She did have a pen-
sion plan that provided her a check
each month. She also received Social
Security. She had Medicare
coverage and a supplemental health
plan that paid for most of her ex-
penses while she was in the hospital
and, for a brief period afterward, a
visiting nurse at home.

None of these was enough to
provide help at home.

This week we talked with a
woman who is in the same kind of
spot. She has been ill and was hos-
pitalized but she has been sent home
now, hopefully to mend. She doesn't
move around easily anymore and
can no longer drive her car.



TAROFF & TALBERT

Helen and her husband bought
the house where she still lives some
thirty years ago and raised their
children there. It is a pretty two-
story house, well maintained, warm
and comfortable—the place where
she expected to live out her days.

She can see the garden from the
bedroom where she spends most of
her time now, her TV is there, and
although it takes up quite a lot of
space, the rented hospital bed goes
up and down at the press of a switch
—a boon to her comfort.

Helen's daughter contacted a
consultant who specializes in as-
sisting the elderly, and through her,
they hired home care. For the most
part, the helpers have been wonder-
ful. A favorite by the name of Peggy
is there the day we visit. She's ro-

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Realtors face larger world as they convene

By H. W. Moss

The National Association of
Realtors, the largest nonprofit or-
ganization in the country and ar-
guably the biggest lobbying group
in Washington, will hold its an-
nual convention and trade show in
San Francisco this week.

Registration, which is open to
the public, begins today at the
San Francisco Hilton Tower and
as many as 18,000 people are ex-
pected to attend. NAR's trade
show or "Technology Confer-
ence" with over 1,000 exhibits
begins Friday noon at Moscone
Center and continues through
Monday. Admission is \$255 for
NAR members and \$355 for non-
members.

The entry fee allows partici-
pants to have access to business
meetings, educational sessions as
well as the trade show floor. NAR
President Art Godi has scheduled
a news conference for Friday

morning, when he will discuss the
association's legislative agenda
which will be presented to Con-
gress.

NAR boasts a membership of
750,000 and offers certifications
in a variety of different real estate
related fields. The NAR might
even have more card carrying
members than the NRA since
every member of a local associa-
tion of Realtors is automatically
a member of the Chicago-based
body.

The hierarchy of organizations
in which a professional real estate
person may belong places NAR at
the top above the state associa-
tions, such as the California As-
sociation of Realtors, and the lo-
cal associations which own or par-
ticipate in multiple listing ser-
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ventions are required. Call Catherine Teegarten at 528-0767, ext. 17 for information and reservations.

The Golden Gate Chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) hosts its monthly meeting Thurs., Nov. 14 at Hs Lordship's Restaurant at the Berkeley Marina. Home inspectors who belong to ASHI of those interested in joining and meeting other professionals are invited to attend. Along with a regular chapter business meeting, Jim Tracy of Golden Gate Storage Tank Removal will present "Underground Storage Tanks." The \$35 cost includes dinner. Call Dermot O'Kelly at 549-9335 for more information.

The Building Education Center (BEC) is the place to plan your dream home or to start turning your home into a dream. On Sat., Nov.

16 BEC presents **Fences and Gardens: Hands On** at an Oakland job site Call 525-7610 for location. Also scheduled for Sat., Nov. 16 is architect Barry Wagner's **The Bungalow-Tradition and Transformation**. On Sunday, Nov. 17 BEC will present Stan Grabowski's **Wallpaper Hanging-Hands On** and Jim Rosenau's **Stucco Repair: hands-On** Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

Marsha Quick of Red Oak Realty and Karen Ward of CMG Mortgage present **Woman to Woman: Finding the Keys to Buying Your Own Home**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sat. Nov. 16 at 1225 Solano Avenue in Albany. Learn how to set priorities and investigate neighborhoods. Team up with industry professionals for an overview of the buying process, straight talk about interest rates, and strategies for minimizing

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Architectural historian Mark Wilson presents his last walking tour of the season 1 p.m., Sun, Nov. 17. Wilson will share his intimate knowledge of Berkeley's Nut Hill district, one that includes the residences of such architectural luminaries as Bernard Maybeck. The \$12 fee includes refreshments at Easy Going Bookstore. Call 273-9383 by noon Sat., Nov. 16 to reserve your space.

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What wood will you use this winter?

Burning wood for heat makes a great deal of sense, but some wood is better for burning than other wood. Indeed, some wood is dangerous to burn, and some is costly.

Hemlock in your fireplace or on your campfire, for instance, will send sparks flying far and wide. And evergreen trees such as pine, fir and spruce, are costly to burn because they create a lot of smoke and leave ashes rather than a good bed of coals.

Certain hardwoods, such as oak, ash, and some types of birch, make desirable firewood. Remember that while a tree that loses its leaves in the fall is technically a hardwood, it may not be suitable for the fireplace. Quaking aspen is a good example of a hardwood

that is not a good firewood. Elm is another.

A wood's relative dryness greatly affects its burning and heating efficiency. The "wetter" the wood, the longer it takes to ignite and the less heat it throws off. Even a good firewood such as oak burns poorly when freshly cut.

Wood is sold in many ways across the country. The two most common measurements are "cord" and "face cord." A cord is a stacked wood pile of uncut or split logs that measures 4' x 4' x 8', or 128 cu. ft. After it is cut and split, the same pile of wood can occupy about 132 cu. ft. and 156 c. ft. if loosely tossed. A face cord is a pile of wood 4' x 8' of any depth or length less than 4'. A rick is an

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evenly stacked pile of wood of any dimension.

The National Arborist Association, (800) 733-2622, will mail you a list of your local NAA members, who will be able to answer questions about different types of wood.

Tarpooff...

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Helen and cheerful, bustles around fixing us tea, then goes out to the patio to water the container plants.

But money is running out. Helen would move into her daughter's home but, like my mother, she doesn't want to. Also familiar to me, Helen is concerned about "using up my children's inheritance."

She is thinking of selling the house. It is her largest asset. She hopes that it will sell for enough to provide her cash to buy again, yet leave her money to pay her additional expenses. Maybe a condo would work, she says, something close to home, all on one level and

with enough space for her care giver. She realizes it would be a big project. We agree. Selling and moving, packing, discarding — let alone looking for another home and buying it — are huge even for healthy, young people, those who can still run up and down stairs carrying things as they go.

Helen points out that she is still in control. It is still possible for her to take her time selling, to search for another place and to move there — to be in charge of this part of her life. She does not want to be forced at a later date to make a hasty, and likely even more difficult, retreat.

Our minds are racing. We'd like to figure out how to keep this woman in her house. We're wishing for a brilliant solution, a way to produce

enough money to stop Helen from worry.

We tell her that we will go away and think, do research, come back. We'll look at sales of condos and some that are available now, and we'll look at the dollars, where she would be money-wise if she sells and where she might be if she didn't.

"There's got to be a way to keep her in her house," we say to one another. "What about a reverse mortgage?" That afternoon we start looking for one that will loan enough money.

We estimate taxes, costs of sale, costs of buying. We run numbers, lots of numbers, in preparation for seeing Helen again soon.

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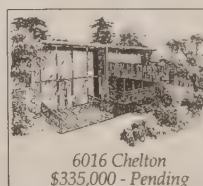
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All members adopt a code of ethics and NAR takes its case for legislative action in favor of the profession to Washington on a regular basis.

There are four sections, or departments, within NAR: appraisal, property management, commercial and investment property—and, the newest addition to the fold, international. Real estate professionals may earn a designation such as GAA, General Accredited Appraiser, from the appraisal section of NAR.

The international section offers the Certified International Property Specialist (CIPS) designation which comes about, in part, in response to the process of "global villagization" initially envisioned by Marshall McLuhan.

More foreign buyers and sellers are entering America which is altering how real estate professionals do business. What NAR is

creating is a network of real estate professionals who are able to expand their domestic knowledge worldwide.

There are currently 355 brokers with the CIPS designation from such countries as Mexico, Pakistan and Greece, according to a press release from NAR. Nearly 1,400 domestic brokers are currently members of the International Section with another thousand in the pipeline.

In addition to paying a certification fee, the designation requires completion of five classroom courses and proof the candidate has already made several international transactions. Candidates may score points toward the certification by demonstrating additional skills including speaking more than one language.

Now please consider the implications of this new international property certification—the CIPS designation—for it is quite revealing. Real estate professionals are, by nature one might suggest, territorial. They tend to work within a specific area of expertise that can be defined both geographically and by the type of property, from residential to commercial.

Although every licensed real estate person is allowed to work anywhere in the state, and all states require licenses in order for someone to do business in the field,

Brokers have never liked outsiders coming onto their turf.

brokers have traditionally been less than helpful when someone from another area showed up on their doorstep.

This has been true not only for interstate transactions, between New York and California for example, but also for such close neighbors as, say, San Francisco and Oakland.

That's because the initial impetus for the creation of a local association of Realtors was not simply that there is strength in numbers. What it all boiled down to, of course, was money: Who got it and how was it divided up?

And when they organized as groups and agreed to participate in sales commissions with one another by forming multiple listing services. Real estate brokers were able to maintain an almost strangle hold on listings in their area.

Brokers have never liked outsiders coming onto their turf and participating in commissions. In fact, for years, nonmembers were excluded from access to local multiple sales services.

And not until recently have regional multiple sales services be-

come reality, which is why an international property certification, effectively removing all borders throughout the globe, is a remarkable designation for NAR to be offering.

One could argue that the national organization is only responding to changes brought about by the information revolution. Like the market for any commodity, from pork bellies to stocks, real estate markets are in flux.

With increased access to information has come not only changes in how the licensee does business but also with whom. Listings on Hong Kong real estate is now available at the touch of a button from the Internet.

The same holds true for real estate professionals on that island nation who want to do business here, meaning that business opportunities are blossoming as the practice of international real estate gains momentum.

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Fannie Mae owned Oakland Hills home. Needs work. Seller financing avail 3% down for owner occ. 15% inv. Sold "as is". Located: 7762 Hillmont.
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In Berkeley behind East Bay Nursery, this 2 bedroom unit at the rear of a duplex has hardwood floors & remodeled bathroom and opens onto a rose garden!
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Penthouse-style 1 bedroom conuo, completely re-done, the new! Vaulted LR w/fireplace, city view, in-unit W/D, built-in condo. Nearly \$40,000 under 1990 price!
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remove those that have turned. Florel Fruit Eliminator can be applied to the tomato plants to hasten ripening before a frost.

Q: I have an Indian Blood Peach tree with two problems: one the flesh around the pit is brown and the fruit splits open and falls off the tree easily.

A: The control for fruit rot starts with good sanitation. Clean all the fallen debris under the tree as well as any fruit that is still hanging on. Apply Dormant Disease control and horticultural oil in late November, January and February for the overwintering fungus and insects. After the tree has leafed out use Daconil until 30 days of harvest for Brown Rot control. Apply 16-16-16 at the start of the rainy season and again in March to strengthen the weak stems. Use one half pound of fertilizer per inch diameter of trunk, measured two feet off the ground and spread the fertilizer under the dripline and away from the trunk. In your area, fruit splitting is due to fluctuation of temperature, the cool to warm summer pattern. For this there is no control.

Q: I have added a lot of compost, including mushroom, and would like to make sure my soil is acid enough for my garden. Can you tell me, what is the difference between aluminum sulfate and soil sulfur? Aren't they both to help with lowering the pH level. Also, can you recommend a book or two that I can pick up at the library that might help me learn more about keeping my soil in shape.

A: Aluminum sulfate and soil sulfur are both acidifiers. Soil sulfur is applied in the late fall and early winter while aluminum sulfate can be applied during the growing season. The ideal pH for most plants is between 6.5-7.5. There are many books in the soil science area however I find them very tedious and much too complicated for the home gardener. I suggest you contact U.C. Extension and look at their publication list. I think you will find what you are looking for these.

Listen to Buzz Bertolero, the Dirt Gardener, Saturdays, 6 - 8 a.m., on KNBR 68, "The Sports and Gardening Leader."

Realtor honors top producers



Mason McDuffie honored the following people at its semi-annual awards celebration: From the Berkeley North office, left to right: Francine DiPalma, Top Producer; David Kaffon, President's Club; Monica Rohrer, Top Listing Agent; Helene Barkin, President's Club; Carol Jakobson, President's Club.

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The video program "Affording Higher Education," hosted by NBC's

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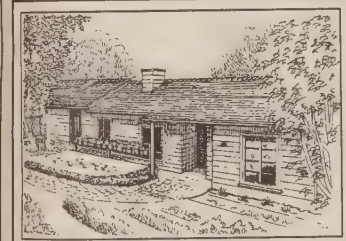
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Election results help interest rates lower

On Nov. 7 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) announced that its Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for 30-year fixed rate mortgages fell 11 basis points from last week's 7.78 percent to 7.67 percent, the lowest the 30-year fixed rate has been since March 8, 1996, when it stood at 7.38 percent.

In the first week of November, 1995 the 30-year fixed rate was 7.37 percent.

The start rate for 1-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) dropped 4 basis points to 5.56 percent from last week's average of 5.60 percent. The ARM average has not been at this level since March 15, 1996, when it was 5.55 percent.

A year ago the ARM start rate was 5.64 percent.

The average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popu-

lar option in the refinance arena, fell 10 basis point from last week's 7.30 percent last week's figure of 7.30 percent. This time last year this rate was 6.87 percent.

"Bond markets reacted favorably to election day results, helping to lower interest rates this week," said Freddie Mac Chief Economist Robert Van Order. "As a result we have very affordable interest rates, which can be compared to rates in the '70s."

Over the years Freddie Mac has helped finance one in six American homes.

On Oct. 31 the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for November payments at 4.834 percent, down less than a single basis point from the 4.839 percent that was in effect for October payments.

The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages.

Events...

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new Habitat homes. Join Habitat for Humanity's friends, volunteers and donors 3 p.m. Sat., Nov. 23 at 375 105th Avenue in Oakland. The dedication will follow a day of building homes on the site. Anyone interested in joining in the day's building project should call volunteer coordinator Chris Becker at 251-6304.

East Bay Nursery presents Chris Bruhn of Old World Christmas and his video on the **Making of Blown Glass Ornaments**, 1 to 3 p.m., Sat., Nov. 23 at 2332 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Chris will be available to answer your questions about blown glass ornaments and the traditions behind these ornaments. A door prize will be awarded at 3 p.m. Call

845-6490 for more information.

The Merritt College Landscape Horticultural Dept. presents **Growing Roses**. Taught by Karen Talbot of Rheem Valley Roses, a consultant with the American Rose Society, the class will cover all types of roses from old garden to modern. Learn which varieties are tried and true favorites and which are the award-winning choices for the coming year. The class begins Sat., Nov. 23. Register for the \$15 class by calling 436-2413.

The **East Bay Bazaar**, a benefit for La Peña Cultural Center, is on tap for Thanksgiving weekend, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat., Nov. 30 and Sun., Dec. 1 at the Oakland Convention Center. Formerly held at the Berkeley Bazaar, the event features raintick, jewelry and kite

making for the kids, live music, a fine art gallery, natural body decoration from Asia, Africa and the Middle East, exhibits by local nonprofits, and live craft demonstrations.

Wausau Mortgage Corp. announces Charles Patton's free 203(k) mortgage workshop **Rehabilitate for Profit or Equity with a Proven Product**. The workshop, which will show you how to use the 203(k) loan program to purchase, renovate and resell property in a short time, is held biweekly. Call (800) 801-1320, ext. 240 times and places.

Join your Oakland neighbor the Temescal District **Cal Square Certified Market**, every Sunday, November from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This neighborhood market and Telegraph will have organic emphasis, and the San Joaquin Valley Market Hotline for information at (800) 949-FARM. market's Web site: www.pcma.com

If you're interested in the Phantom of the Opera or want to receive mail, call Alison Trammell

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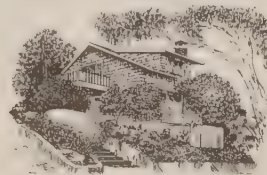
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\$103,000 894 LEWELLING. Beautiful, bright, upper 2 BD unit! Storage on deck & 2 parking spaces, one covered! Anna Woo 865-4340 or Tere Lee 521-3352

\$142,000 14163 SEAGATE. OPEN SUN. 2-4. A ground-level 2 bedroom condo in a wonderful location! Separate laundry room, fireplace, complex pool, & view of country! Tere Lee 521-3352

\$148,000 14255 SEAGATE. A private 2 BD, 2 1/2 bath home with storage & laundry upstairs! Tere Lee 521-3352

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\$179,500 2515 OUTRIGGER. OPEN SUN. 2-4. Wonderful 3 BD, 2 1/2 bath home with tile entry, updated carpeting, balcony & garage! Tere Lee 521-3352

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SHOWN BY APPOINTMENT

LEASE OPTION CONSIDERED on gorgeous newer contemp in Joaquin M. Hayes Bay vu, lg wooded lot, 4BD/2.5BA and fam rm. Elegant condition. Wendy \$249,000.
ROOM TO SPREAD OUT. Montclair 3BD, huge rumpus with wet bar, kitchen family room, sun porch, waterfall. Chris Christensen 530-8412
BAY VIEW, HOT TUB TOO come with this lovely 4BD home in upper Oakland! Fabulous, huge kitchen, living room with vaulted, beam ceiling, Don Dunning 482-2800.
REDWOOD HEIGHTS. Immaculate Mediterranean home. Spacious with elegant architectural details, home office plus family room. Deck & yard. Diane McGee \$249,000.
EXCEPTIONAL VALUE. 3BD/1.5BA, charming split level. Recently painted, refinished hardwood, plus room, private deckyard. Nancy Novick/Chris Christensen 530-8412
DRAMATIC HOUSE/PANORAMIC VIEW. Set well back on its lot for maximum privacy. Huge living room with cathedral ceiling. Formal dining. 2+bedrooms. Not Davis \$249,000.
OAKLAND'S BEST KEPT SECRET. Sheffield Village. Above 580 at Dutton. Traditional 1940's beauty. 3 bedrooms, new kitchen, 2 car garage. A-1 condition. Not Davis \$249,000.

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Area Home Sales

ALAMEDA
 301 Anderson Rd. - \$387,000
 45 Argus Court - \$272,500
 2902 Bayview Dr. - \$255,000
 295 Benton St. - \$200,000
 206 Chinaberry - \$230,000
 1715 Cornell Dr. - \$349,000
 2426 Lincoln Ave. - \$83,500
 6 Millington Ct. - \$243,000
 139 Shepardson #14 - \$217,000
 601 Willow, F - \$119,000

ALBANY
 1017 Pomona Ave. - \$278,000
 1009 Stannage - \$260,000
 811 Talbot Ave. - \$216,000
 3012 Windsor Dr. - \$215,500

BERKELEY
 683 Arlington Ave. - \$490,000

2407 Blake St. - \$189,000
 188 Fairlawn Dr. - \$247,000
 1721 McGee Ave. - \$237,000
 1545 Posen Ave. - \$253,000
 1638 Sacramento - \$193,000
 1884 San Antonio - \$305,000
 1915 Virginia St. - \$250,000
 2632 Warring St. - \$153,000

EL CERRITO
 7202 A St. - \$229,000
 7120 B St. - \$175,000
 410 Everett St. - \$160,500
 524 Everett St. - \$137,000
 518 Norvell St. - \$220,000
 7428 Seaview Pl. - \$230,000

EMERYVILLE
 6363 Christie, 2001 - \$114,500
 8 C'dore, C353 - \$110,000

2 C'dore, D176 - \$142,000
 5514 Doyle, 12 - \$164,000
 5514 Doyle, 5 - \$229,000

KENSINGTON
 50 Arlmont Dr. - \$500,000
 136 Purdue Ave. - \$495,000

OAKLAND
 9856 A St. - \$123,500
 550 Aileen St. - \$180,000
 6117 Ascot Dr. - \$460,000
 17063 B'way Ter. - \$240,000
 4809 Brookdale - \$153,000
 6155 Brookside - \$279,000
 6360 Brookside - \$284,000
 5427 Carlton St. - \$240,000
 2751 Chelsea Dr. - \$304,500
 3231 Dakota St. - \$155,000
 4225 Detroit Ave. - \$205,000
 5618 Dover St. - \$150,000
 1216 Everett Ave. - \$135,000
 6125 Fairlane Dr. - \$431,500
 988 Franklin, 901 - \$157,000
 1467 Hampel St. - \$201,000
 3446 Harper St. - \$110,000
 7628 Hillmont Dr. - \$161,500
 4608 Jacobus Ave. - \$264,000
 200 Lakeside, 802 - \$147,000
 3051 Logan St. - \$110,000
 4100 Maybelle - \$204,500
 3014 Millsbrae - \$147,000
 6649 Oakwood Dr. - \$297,000
 5840 Ocean View - \$265,000
 227 Orange St. - \$180,000
 6534 Outlook Ave. - \$115,000
 3201 Randolph - \$133,000
 4630 Reinhardt - \$190,000
 56 Rio Vista - \$199,500

7050 Sayre Dr. - \$357,000
 3201 Sheffield - \$200,000
 22 Sheridan Rd. - \$660,000
 7412 Sunkist Dr. - \$159,000
 7815 Sunkist Dr. - \$104,000
 128 Vicente Rd. - \$350,000
 6237 Viewcrest - \$396,000
 4088 Waterhouse - \$250,000

PIEDMONT
 200 Estates Dr. - \$500,000
 111 Monte Ave. - \$645,000
 179 Oak Rd. - \$282,000

SAN LEANDRO
 2477 Bermuda Ave. - \$195,000
 2436 Blackpool - \$168,500
 171 Bowling Green - \$154,000
 1225 Breckenridge - \$165,000
 2001 Clipper Ct. - \$327,000
 2008 Clipper Ct. - \$297,000
 1108 Fargo Ave. - \$197,000
 1340 Pearson Ave. - \$105,000
 1312 Purdue St. - \$141,000
 14331 Seagate - \$142,500
 15022 Wengate - \$172,000

SAN LORENZO
 1163 Santa Ana - \$150,000
 15929 Via Conejo - \$179,000
 326 Via Lucero - \$203,000

SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA
 TOTAL SALES: 11
 LOWEST PRICE: \$83,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$387,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$233,772

ALBANY
 TOTAL SALES: 3
 LOWEST PRICE: \$216,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$278,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$251,333

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 9
 LOWEST PRICE: \$153,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$490,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$257,444

EL CERRITO
 TOTAL SALES: 6
 LOWEST PRICE: \$137,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$230,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$191,916

EMERYVILLE
 TOTAL SALES: 5
 LOWEST PRICE: \$110,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$229,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$151,900

KENSINGTON
 TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$495,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$500,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$497,500

OAKLAND
 TOTAL SALES: 38
 LOWEST PRICE: \$104,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$660,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$228,894

PIEDMONT
 TOTAL SALES: 3
 LOWEST PRICE: \$282,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$645,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$475,666

SAN LEANDRO
 TOTAL SALES: 11
 LOWEST PRICE: \$105,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$327,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$187,636

SAN LORENZO
 TOTAL SALES: 3
 LOWEST PRICE: \$150,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$203,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$177,333

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Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity

East Bay Habitat for Humanity will host its 1996 Winter Homeowner Dedication for eight families who have recently moved into their new homes at Habitat's 105th Avenue building site 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23.

East Bay Habitat is building a total of 40 homes at the 105th Avenue building site. The first twelve homes are completed. We hope to finish the West Court (18 homes) by the end of 1996 and begin construction on the East Court (22 homes) in 1997.

East Bay Habitat for Humanity homes are built in partnership with

Habitat homeowners and volunteers from the community. Habitat relies on volunteer labor, financial contributions and donated materials to keep Habitat homes affordable for low and very low income Bay Area families.

In lieu of a down payment, each Habitat family invests at least 500 hours of sweat equity into the construction of their home or the homes of other Habitat homeowners. Families buy their homes at cost, through zero-interest mortgage payments. Habitat then recycles the mortgage payments to build future Habitat homes.

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CONTEMPORARY MASTERPIECE! Exquisite New View home in the hills above the Claremont Resort 3BR, office, fam rm, 3.5BA. Bebe McRae ext. 145...\$895,000

GLORIOUS RATCLIFF HOME near park. 3+BR/2+BA, Spacious! Paye Keogh ext. 126...\$825,000

A CLAREMONT PROPERTY. Secluded in the Palms: Elegant paneling, spacious kitchen, dining terrace, views, vistas & an in-law. Paul Templeton ext. 131...\$625,000

NORTH BERKELEY MEDITERRANEAN. 4+BR, 3BA SF/GG views. Gourmet kitchen to deck & private level yd. X-Large lot. Nancy Lee Noman ext. 124...\$625,000

CLAREMONT COURT. Beautiful tree-lined street. English with exquisite interior opening to a sunny garden. 3BR, 2 studies. Jack McPhail ext. 135...\$515,000

2920 DERBY STREET. Open Sunday 2-4. Best value in Claremont Court! Grand and beautiful J.H. Thomas. 4+BR/2+BA. Susie Schevill ext. 144...\$489,990

1153 KEELER AVE. Open Sunday 2-4. Glorious Views - Private Setting. 4+BR/2.5BA. Great for entertaining. Nancy Lee Noman ext. 124...\$449,000

BROWN SHINGLE DUPLEX FLEXER! Dana @ Carleton - New Price!! Leslie Easterday ext. 134...\$260,000

2805 FULTON ST. PRICE REDUCED! Traditional 4BR, 2BA on a quiet street in move-in condition. Plus sunny studio cottage. Marlene Leverette ext. 121...\$259,500

1056 EUCLID AVENUE. New Listing! 2BR, 1BA. Special updated bungalow. Leslie Avant ext. 122...\$239,000

1526 M.L.K. JR. WAY. Open Sunday 2-4. New Price for this charming 2/1 home near Gourmet Ghetto Yard, deck. Nancy Noman ext. 124...\$199,000

1539 DWIGHT WAY. Open Sunday 2-4. Spacious 2BR overlooking Spaulding Ave. L. Easterday ext. 134...\$169,000

1436 WARD STREET. 2BR/1BA + rec room. Probate fixer. Paye Keogh ext. 126...\$115,000

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CONTEMPORARY MASTERPIECE! Exquisite New View home in the hills above the Claremont Resort 3BR, office, fam rm, 3.5BA. Bebe McRae ext. 145...\$895,000

5081 OAK GROVE @ COLLEGE. Wonderful 4BR 2.5BA remodeled Craftsman. MBS, lots of wood. Jan Fougner ext. 138...\$369,000

4686 COMMONWEALTH DRIVE. Open Sunday 2-4. Country living over 1/2 acre. Big 4BR level home. Pool, orchard. A rare find! Leslie Easterday ext. 134...\$280,000

610 JEAN STREET. Open Sun 2-4. Sophisticated New Condos. Only 5 left! 2BR/2BA, vistas Ron Eggherman ext. 127...\$185,000 & up

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PIEDMONT

BEST VALUE IN PIEDMONT. 3+BR, 3BA. Large rooms. Mary Montali 848-3097...\$365,000

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 Superbly crafted new classic Medit with spectacular views. Francis Heath

17044 BROADWAY TERRACE, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/4+BA...\$945,000
 Dramatic new const, courtyard entry, pano 3-bridge view. Patricia Scott

9 WYNGAARD AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 3BD/2+BA...\$849,000
 Quality of design, craftsmanship and charm, family room. Sally Morrison

6258 RUTHLAND ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/2+BA...\$749,000
 1st open! Majestic 3 years new on 3/4 + acre. SF/GG views! Ann Nichols

867 ARLINGTON AVE., BERKELEY - 4BD/3BA...\$564,900
 Updated Spanish Medit with artistic flair, patios, gardens. Joanna Gould

235 SOMERSET ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/3BA...\$499,900
 Piedmont side! Spacious & sunny, bay views, patio, quiet st. Joan Dark

159 ST. JAMES DRIVE, PIEDMONT - 3BD/3BA...\$425,000
 Renovated interior, fam rm, formal DR, beautiful setting. Sally Morrison

2 MALL COURT, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/2BA...\$369,000
 Private, large master suite, hdwd frs, back yard, hot tub. Nancy Chew

5565 ESTATES DR., UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/3BA...\$362,000
 Traditional ranch on private 1/2 acre, French doors, deck. Wendy Gardner

211 DUNCAN WAY, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/3BA...\$349,000
 Reduced! Level 1/4 + acre, private creekside setting, lg rooms. Dick Cohen

12550 BROOKPARK, PARKRIDGE ESTATES - 3BD/2BA...\$329,000
 1/3 acre, parklands view, pool, redone k/baths, fam rm. Vicki Woodhead

1305 HENRY STREET, BERKELEY...\$319,000 TO \$425,000
 3 new townhomes, 283 bdrm, finest quality, yards & decks. Rich Gould

10 SADDLEBROOK CT., PARKRIDGE ESTATES - 3BD/2+BA...\$299,000
 Just listed! Parklands view, 1/4 + acre, formal DR, fam rm. Vicki Woodhead

12645 BROOKPARK RD., PARKRIDGE ESTATES - 3BD/2BA...\$279,000
 1/4 acre! All level home, large family room, great yard! Vicki Woodhead

6140 HEATHER RIDGE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA...\$279,000
 Private master suite, large back yard, deck, updated kitchen. Kathy Flynn

429 LINDA AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 2BD/1BA...\$259,000
 Adorable home in private garden setting, beaut k/bath. Deb Fitzgerald

527 KEY ROUTE BLVD., ALBANY - 2BD/1BA...\$221,500
 Well maintained home with good floor plan, frpl, large patio. Rich Gould

3011 DOHR STREET, BERKELEY - 2BD/1BA...\$161,000
 Newer home, upgrades throughout, formal DR, move-in condition. Rich Gould

4515 ELINORA AVE., REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 2BD/1BA...\$149,000
 Charming cottage on large lot, frpl, hdwd floors, garage. Wendy Gardner

2903 CARMEL ST., LINCOLN HEIGHTS - 2BD/1+BA...\$139,000
 Best value! 1300 sq. ft. townhome, sep entry, in-unit laundry. Nancy Chew

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PIEDMONT

MAGNIFICENT PIEDMONT PROPERTY...\$2,250,000
 Exceptional home on 1/2 acre, 7+BD/5+BA, rich architectural detail, designer kitchen/family room, library, pool. Georgia Cornell

CLASSIC ELEGANCE - PIEDMONT...\$1,850,000
 Designed by William Wurster, this property offers 6BD/4BA, family w/frpl, gorgeous gardens, pool & play area. Sally Morrison

PANORAMIC BAY VIEWS - PIEDMONT...\$1,049,000
 Elegant 3BD/3BA home extensively remodeled w/ all new systems and amenities, decks, charming private garden. Dee Dee Bonham

THIS PIEDMONT HOME HAS IT ALL!\$729,000
 Impeccable 6BD/4BA home w/great fr plan. Remodeled kitchen lovely rumpus, level yard, basement. Helen Danahai: 547-5750

FOUR BRIDGE VIEW - PIEDMONT...\$599,000
 Spectacular SF bay view from all rooms! Remodeled, 4BD/3BA, pristine condition, very private setting. Martha Holstlaw

A RARE FIND - PIEDMONT LOT...\$495,000
 This 9,590 sq. ft. buildable lot slopes down from upscale Tyson Circle to Tahoe-like setting of beautiful Lake Tyson. Dee Knowland

OAKLAND / BERKELEY

EXQUISITE CONTEMPORARY...\$549,000
 Private garden setting with bay views. Dramatic entry, 4BD/3+BA, formal DR, gorgeous kit/family rm, extras. Wendy Gardner

ELEGANT TRADITIONAL - GLENVIEW...\$479,000
 A gracious home with rich architectural detail and beautiful bay views. 5BD/2+BA, updated kitchen/fam rm, den. Georgia Cornell

TRANQUIL VIEWS - RIDGEMONT...\$419,000
 Versatile floor plan, 4BD/3BA, huge bonus room, family room, cook's kitchen, large level lot, 3-car garage. Robyn Mohr

SWEEPING CANYON VISTAS...\$409,000
 Dramatic Ridgmont contemp on over one acre! 3+BD/2+BA, kitchen/fam rm, luxurious master suite w/sitting rm. Robyn Mohr

WALK TO MONTCLAIR VILLAGE!\$349,500
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REDWOOD HEIGHTS CONTEMPORARY...\$239,500
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UPPER LAUREL TRADITIONAL...\$239,500
 This 3BD/2BA home is warm & inviting w/lots of light and bay view. Remodeled kit, formal DR, hdwd frs, great yard. Vicki Woodhead

ONE LEVEL LIVING...\$215,000
 Move-in condition! Choice large lot with hill view. 3BD/2BA, family room off kit, hdwd frs, beautiful yard. Wendy Gardner

SEQUOYAH HEIGHTS TOWNHOUSE...\$207,000
 Lovely 3BD/2+BA unit with master suite, large LR, frpl, eat-in kitchen, backyard, patio, 2-car garage. Robyn Mohr

REDWOOD HEIGHTS STARTER...\$199,000
 Great location, tremendous expansion potential. 2BD/1BA, large eat-in kit, dining area opens to back yard. Thomas Wurst

UPPER FRUITVALE AREA...\$182,000
 Good value! Nice quiet neighborhood above MacArthur. 4BD/3BA home w/ potential, 2-car gar w/storage. Thomas Wurst

QUIET CUL-DE-SAC...\$154,900
 Cute 2BD/1BA bungalow, formal dining room with built-ins, large eat-in kitchen, laundry area, 2-car garage. Thomas Wurst

UPPER LAUREL DISTRICT...\$149,900
 2BD/1BA split level on corner lot. Formal dining room, frpl, separate laundry room, garage with lots of storage. Lee Jacobson

BROWN SHINGLE CHARMER...\$145,000
 2BD/2BA, formal dining, hardwood floors, large kitchen, fireplace, alarm system, secluded level back yard. Kathy Flynn

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Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460

17044 BROADWAY TER, Montclair 4+bd/4+ba, courtlyd entry, view \$945,000
Pacific Union, Patricia Scott 339-6460

217 GRAVATT DR, Oakland Hills 4bd w/office & home theater, \$869,000
deco modern, gourmet kitchen, pano bay wswl 540-1939 SUNDAY 1:30-5:30

5831 ACACIA AVE, Claremont Pines elegant 4/3 Monterey colonial \$829,000
The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogl 339-0400

6145 ESTATES DR, Montclair, renovated 4bd/4+ba, patio, garden \$785,000
The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400

2 DIABLO DR, Montclair, 3 lots, gated/fenced, 5/4, huge kit, decks \$749,000
The GRUBB Company, Bettina Balesieri 339-0400

6258 RUTHLAND RD, Montclair 3+bd/2+ba, 1st openl 3/4+acre, vw \$749,000
Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460

6069 GLENARMS DR, Montclair nw 4/3, unique floor plan, lg lot \$669,000
The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400

6522 ASCOT DR, Piedmont Pines new 3+bd/2+ba Spanish home \$625,000
Better Homes, Carin Caroe 339-8400

145 AGNES, Upr Rockridge 5bd/4ba, new, quality, lots of spacel \$625,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Barry Klein 562-1806

6051 GLENARMS, Craftsman style, nw 4/2, hwdw, landscaped, vw \$625,000
Coldwell Banker, James Duffy 339-1174

13050 BROADWAY TER, Nw 3b/2+ba, gorgeous, w/fab SF bay vw \$619,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mary Ruth Armstrong 869-4206

6038 FAIRLAND RD, Montclair 5/3, 3114 sf, nw Cape Cod shingle, \$599,000
bay vw, level-in, level yd, main floor mstr suite, Richard 559-9134

6240 ACACIA, Rockridge, just listed! stately/elegant 4bd/3+ba \$599,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bill Boze 869-4216

631 MOUNTAIN BL, 3+bd/2+ba, elegant rebuilt, level lot, Montclair \$599,000
Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 531-7000

1160 DRURY RD, Great bay view! nw 4/3, upr Alvarado area, FDR \$589,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerl 339-1174

110 STARVIEW, Hiller Highlands townhome w/elevator, den, FDR \$589,000
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5757 BUENA VISTA, Rockridge, 4/2, perfect floor plan, elegant \$588,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, David Ichikawa 547-8978

5887 MARGARITO DR, Claremont Pines sunfilled 4/3, family rm \$585,000
The GRUBB Company, Nancy Rothman 339-0400

36 SCHOONER HILL, Magnificent vns @ Hiller Highlands, 4/3 twnhm \$549,000
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6046 FAIRLANE DR, New 4bd/3ba, cooking island, den, mstr suite \$539,000
Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey 339-1174

991 SUNNYHILLS RD, Crocker enchanting 4/3 Normandy, nw deck \$535,000
The GRUBB Company, James Garcia 339-0400

2177 MANZANITA, 3bd/2+ba contemporary w/SF view! \$520,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4208

3719 BRUNELL DR, 4+3/4, nwl sweeping bay view! huge! reduced! \$529,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Ray Mottl 287-5904

235 SOMERSET RD, Montclair 3bd/3ba, bay views, patio, quiet st \$499,900
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1001 SUNNYHILLS, Crocker Highlands 3bd/2+ba French Normandy \$499,000
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymmer 339-1174

220 CROSS RD, New construction! Upr Rockridge 3/2, study, mstr \$499,000
Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174

249 SHERIDAN RD, Upr Rockridge 3bd/3+ba, a perfect "10", pvt yd \$469,000
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5800 ROSS, Rockridge 4/2 Tudor, gourmet kitchen, rumpus room \$465,000
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6120 BULLARD, Room to spare! 5bd, 3 updt'd baths, rec rm, hwdws \$439,000
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6516 HEATHER RIDGE, Montclair, just listed! 3/2+, amenities, pvt \$435,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bob Randall 869-4242

6642 LONGWALK, Modern 3bd/2ba on 3 wooded lots, very private \$430,000
Gadsby & Associates, Bill 748-5300 SUNDAY 1:30-4:00

6642 LONGWALK Dr A Frank Lloyd Wright INSPIRED Design Home \$430,000
3bd/2b w/adj lot, sun deck, Privacy! Will Uher 278-0451 SUNDAY 12-5

6363 WESTOVER, Montclair lovely 3bd/2+ba, serene canyon view \$414,000
Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 531-7000

7128 THORNHILL, Montclair 4bd/2+ba traditional, yd, views, pool \$399,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, George Millons 869-4233

3321 RUBIN DR, Oakland Hills, 3bd/2ba, au-pair, gardens, views \$398,500
private, 1/2 acre, hot tub. Owner 530-9137/595-9205 SUNDAY 1-4:30

5080 DUBLIN, Quality Woodmstr 5/4, huge mstr, wine rm, wkshop \$395,000
Coldwell Banker, Judy Maher 339-1174

1626 MOUNTAIN, Montclair, 1/2 bl, to library, 4/2, grt for share living \$389,900
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

5850 PINEWOOD RD, Montclair 4/2, exceptional value! come see! \$389,000
Better Homes, Arnold Mueller 339-4000

2 MALL CT, Montclair 4bd/2ba, lg mstr suite, hwdws, hot tub, yard \$369,000
Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460

5566 ESTATES DR, Upr Rockridge 3bd/3ba ranch, pvt 1/4 acre, deck \$362,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

654 BEACON ST, 4 units, 1bd/1ba each, bright & elegant! \$350,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Susan Kaur 523-1301

5701 CHELTON DR, Piedmont Pines, 1-level 3/2, bay views, lg deck \$349,000
The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400

2275 MASTLANDS, Quality 3/2+ townhm, bay vw, decks, skylite \$349,000
Coldwell Banker, Pat Whittinglow 339-1174

211 DUNCAN WAY, Montclair 4+bd/3ba, private creekside setting \$349,000
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

6666 CHARING CROSS, Hiller lg unit w/loft + office space, must see \$345,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerl 339-1174

401 HILLER DR, Bright 3bd/2+ba twnhm, den, frpl, canyon view \$335,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerl 339-1174

6000 LaSALLE, Montclair 3bd/2+ba, great location/condition! \$335,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Claire Cunningham 644-5434

11251 LOCHARD, 4bd/2+ba, 6 yrs old, sophisticated, great view \$329,900
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Allison Austin 286-7620

12550 BROOKPARK, 3bd/2ba, 1/3 acre, parklands vw, pool, fam rm \$329,000
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

762 MANDANA BL, New on mktl contractor remodel, 3/2, lg yard \$325,000
Coldwell Banker, Vicki Falt 339-1174

9461 SKYLINE BL, 3/2, hwdws, frpl, lg rumpus, possible in-law qtrs, \$325,000
beautiful low maintenance landscaping w/redwood trees. 531-2360

1939 MELVIN, 3bd/2ba bay view jewel traditional, family rm, yard \$325,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Kathy Florence 869-4250

6185 WESTOVER, Montclair 4+bd/1ba \$315,000
Coldwell Banker, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495

55 BUCKEYE, Desirable Rockridge 2bd/1+ba, great SF view, yard \$312,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Sharon Ho 869-4220

5677 CABOT DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba + office, fantastic style! \$309,000
Better Homes, Mel Copland 339-8400

935 WARFIELD, New listing! spacious 2-story, FDR, deck, yard \$302,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

10 SADDLEBROOK CT, Parkridge Estates 3/2+ just listed! FDR \$299,000
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

5147 CROCKETT PL, Montclair 3bd/2ba, top of the world! vw, spa \$299,000
Better Homes, Harry Kress 531-2140

5100 PARKRIDGE, Parkridge Estates 4bd/2ba, level living, pvt yard \$298,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Pamela Comfort 869-4213

131 CAPRICORN, Montclair charmer w/view! totally remodeled 3/2 \$295,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Yehuda Ben-David 869-4205

6627 HEARTWOOD Dr Montclair charmer, 2bd, nearly level-in; deck \$295,000
bay vw + studio w/sep entry. Owner 531-8382. Principals Only SAT & SUN 1-4

5862 CHABOT COURT, Rockridge home plus studio \$289,500
Coldwell Banker, Tricia Swift 486-1495

5969 THORNHILL DR, Montclair 3+bd/2b, remodel w/sunny atrium \$289,000
Better Homes, Hal Marcus 339-4000

3664 MONTEREY, 3bd/2ba, understated elegance, ready to move in! \$287,000
Gadsby & Associates, George 748-5300 SUNDAY 1:30-3:30

2020 MELVIN RD, Upr Oakmore 3/2, best buy! seller motivated \$285,000
Better Homes, Martha Shin 339-8400

3341 BRUNELL, Joaquin Miller 4bd/3ba contemporary w/bay view \$284,950
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 339-8400

4686 COMMONWEALTH DR, 4bd, 1/4+acre, pool, orchard, a rare find! \$280,000
Templeton Company, Leslie Easterday 652-2133 X134 SUNDAY 2-4

12645 BROOKPARK RD, 3bd/2ba on 1/4 acre, lg family rm, grt yd \$279,000
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

6140 HEATHER RIDGE, Montclair 3bd/2ba, updated kitchen, deck \$279,000
Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460

6800 ESTATES, Montclair 3bd/1+ba cutiel small workshop, den \$279,000
Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174

6891 EXETER DR, Montclair/GG/canyon views! 3/2, nw drwy, decks \$275,000
Coldwell Banker, Dell Orr 339-1174

4656 REDWOOD RD, Leona Pk Villas, 2bd/2+ba twnhs, FDR, patio \$269,000
The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400

39 RAMONA, Sharp 4/2 craftsman, updt, seismic retrofit, move in \$267,000
Coldwell Banker, Ken MacDonald 339-1174

3016 BROOKFIELD, Sheffield Village 4bd/2ba, remodeled kitchen \$239,950
Wells & Bennett, Carrie Craig 531-7000

9990 SIQUORNEY, Oak Hills 3/2+ bear-sized hm/honey of a price \$238,000
Better Homes, M. J. McConville 339-4000

35 GREGORY PL, 2+bd/1+ba, excellent condition! best Redwood Hts \$229,500
neighborhood. Probate Sale. Valva Realty, Michael Valva 451-7317

3903 LA CRESTA, Glenview tradl, 3bd, updt kit, hwdws, FDR, yd \$219,900
Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 531-7000

3612 MONTEREY BL, Charming English 2bd, Redwd Hts, hwdws \$215,000
Wells & Bennett, Jay Bhimani 531-7000

4009 ELSTON, 2bd craftsman, remodeled kitchen, lg yd, new roof \$199,000
Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 531-7000

3869 LYMAN RD, Remod 3b/1b, price reduced to sell, nr Diamond Pk \$199,000
Gadsby & Associates, Kaye 748-5300 SUNDAY 1:30-4:00

410 43RD, Temascal charmer, 2bd/2ba, FDR w/frpl, level yd, bsmnt \$189,900
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174

610 JEAN ST, Sophisticated new condos nr Rose Garden, 2bd/2ba \$185,000
Templeton Company, Ron Egberman 652-2133 X127

4111 MAYNARD, New listing! 3b/2b ranch style, move in condition \$179,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mary Dresser 869-4224

5614 PICARDY DR, French Provincial, FDR, hwdws, pvt yd, must see \$177,000
The GRUBB Company, Helen Buty 339-0400

2633 HICKORY ST, 3bd/2ba on quiet cul-de-sac, New Listing! \$175,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, John F. Bell 339-3438

5742 HERMANN ST, Rockridge 2+bd/1ba, 1915 charm, frpl, patio \$175,000
Better Homes, Rachel Baller 639-3860

3048 CARLSEN ST, Upper Laurel 2+bd/1b, pano view, low price \$172,000
Better Homes, Sam Gahden 339-4000

3035 FRUITVALE AVE, 3bd/1+ba, craftsman beauty & charm! \$170,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Sybil Bailey 261-6048

4409 VIEW ST, nr Piedmont Ave, 2-story 1/1 fixer, opportunity time \$165,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mark Miller 893-5030

3725 MAYBELLE, Laurel bungalow, 3bd, FDR, new roof, patio, lg yd \$165,000
Coldwell Banker, Paula Easton 339-1174

5738 HERMANN, Rockridge, 1bd/1ba jewel, new kitchen \$165,000
Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Erika Celestre 658-3727

2624 RAWSON, Maxwell Park 3+bd/2ba, like new!...with a view! \$159,500
Mason-McDuffie, Cecelia 428-0900

400 WAYNE AVE, Lake Merritt new condos, 2bd, balconies, 6 left \$155,000
Templeton Company, Ron Egberman 652-2133 X127 SAT & SUN 1-5 and up

6433 SUNNYMERE AVE, 3bd/1ba, reduced, come see/make offer! \$154,900
Gadsby & Associates, Cathy 748-5300 SUNDAY 1:30-4:00

4515 ELINORA AV, Redwood Hts 2bd/1ba charming cottage, lg lot \$149,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

3606 GLEN PARK, Glenview (14th Ave) 2/1 sweet quaint cottage \$147,000
Better Homes, M. J. McConville 339-4000

2903 CARMEL ST, Lincoln Hts 2bd/1+ba, value! 1300sq ft, laundry \$139,000
Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460

7529 HILLMONT DR, Country living in middle of the city! 3bd, \$135,000
secluded, view. Diamond RE 505-4991, MO 531-2887 SAT & SUN 2-4:30

3069 CALIFORNIA ST, Laurel District, 2bd/1ba bungalow \$125,000
Gallagher & Lindsey, Evelyn 748-1770

4120 LUSK, 2bd/1ba, very sharp! hwdws, artsy frpl, lg basement \$110,000
Security Pacific, Jamie Lea 765-5960 SUNDAY 1-4

ALBANY Open Sunday

809 WASHINGTON ST, Albany Hill 3+2. Views! renovated w/ recent \$359,000
legal addit'n. Bonus rm down. TCO RE, Harry Moss 415-621-1600 SUN 1-4

806 WASHINGTON, Major SF & bay view! separate "in-law" unit \$269,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X209 SUNDAY 2-5

527 KEY ROUTE BL, 2/1 well maintained, good floor plan, lg patio \$221,500
Pacific Union, Rich Gould 339-6460 SUNDAY 2-4:30

7878 TAFT, Reduced! huge spaces! live/work possibilities \$209,500
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X107 SUNDAY 2-4

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

689 ALVARADO RD, Claremont Hills, romantic 4+3/4, bay view \$699,000
J. T. Ward Realtors, Nancy Platford 845-6021 X226 SUNDAY 2-4

649 CRESTON RD, Country hm on crest of hill, bay vws, 3bd +inlaw \$699,000
Marvin Gardens, Ann Ariola Plant 287-8764 SUNDAY 2-4

2731 CLAREMONT BL, Delightful 3+2+2 tudor, Claremont Court \$699,000
J. T. Ward Realtors, Gayle Tartan 845-6021 X233 SUNDAY 2-4

6126 OCEAN VIEW Dr, Nw listing! 4+1/4 Med, walk to College Ave \$599,000
J. T. Ward Realtors, Vicki Friedman 845-6021 X227 SUNDAY 2-4

867 ARLINGTON AVE, 4b/3 updated Spanish Med, patios, gardens \$564,900
Pacific Union, Joanna Gould 339-6460

2920 DERBY ST, Best value in Claremont Ct, grand 4+bd/2+ba \$489,990
Templeton Company, Susie Schevill 652-2133 X144 SUNDAY 2-4

1153 KEELER AVE, 4+bd/2+ba, great for entertaining, pvt setting \$449,000
Templeton Company, Nancy Lee Noman 652-2133 X124 SUNDAY 2-4

40 EUALYPTUS, Great Claremont location! 3bd/1+ba w/CHARM! \$395,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Glass-Sabine Team 644-5412

2918 PIEDMONT AVE, Elmwood Brown Shingle, 4/2, huge attic \$375,000
The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400

2149 BLAKE ST, 3bd/2ba, 2-story like new 1915 classic! value \$329,000
Better Homes, Rachel Baller 530-3860

1305 HENRY ST, 3 new twnhms, 2 & 3bd, fine quality, yds, decks \$319,000
Pacific Union, Rich Gould 339-6460

1115 WOODSIDE, 3bd/2+ba \$305,000
Coldwell Banker, Mona Thompson 486-1495

10 AVENIDA, Berkeley Hills immaculate 3bd/2ba rancher! \$299,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, David Otero 869-4239

8040 SHEPHERD CANYON, New listing! remod 4bd/2ba, family rm \$285,000
Lawton Associates 547-5970 SUNDAY 1-4

5929 KEITH AV, Rockridge Brown Shingle, 3+1/4, detached studio \$269,500
Lawton Associates 547-5970

1461 CURTIS, Sunny, spacious 3bd/2ba, huge mstr, close to shops \$259,000
Berkeley Hills Realty, Kathleen deBois 525-3345 SUNDAY 2-4

1629 GRANT, Berkeley 6bd/3ba \$249,000
Coldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495

2107 WEST ST, Berkeley 3+bd/1+ba \$249,000
Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495

1532 CHANNING, 2bd/2+ba \$249,000
Coldwell Banker, Mamood Moktari 486-1495

1620 BELVEDERE, 3+bd/2ba \$249,000
Coldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495

1075 CRESTON, 2bd/1+ba \$249,000
Coldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495

1411 BLAKE, 4bd/2ba \$249,000
Coldwell Banker, Gaby Olander 486-1495

1635 SCENIC, Elegant, modern, spacious Spanish Med, 2/1, frpl \$249,000
Mason-McDuffie 845-0200, Barbara Hopper 635-4839

1526 M.L.K.Jr. WAY, Charming 2b/1b nr Gourmet Ghetto, yd, deck \$249,000
Templeton Company, Nancy Lee Noman 652-2133 X124 SUNDAY 2-4

1604 STANNAGE, Nw listing! charming 2/1, hwdws, deck, work area \$249,000
Berkeley Hills Realty, Lor Mayer 763-5787 SUNDAY 2-4

1539 DWIGHT WAY, Spacious 2bd overlooking Spaulding Ave \$249,000
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TRANSPORTATION

Autos

ALL Autos Wanted. Full Internal Revenue Service Tax Deduction for 1995 to help the Homeless Children. Please call us at 415-871-0665. We need Vans, Cars, RV's, Trucks. Thank you.

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CHRYSLER, Blazer, 1986 Charcoal gray, loaded, automatic, air condition, CD player. 108K. 510-521-5278

DATSUN 1200, 1970, 2 door, pull-out stereo, alarm. Good gas mileage. \$1100! best offer 428-1680

FORD Escort station wagon, 1995, low mileage, air-conditioning, mint condition, blue, \$8950 (510)644-1019.

HONDA Accord, 1981, 5 speed, runs great, needs work, new carburetor/brakes. \$1000 \$531-2721

HONDA 1995 Accord EX, white, 4 door, automatic, 4K miles. \$22K Like new- leather, sun roof, 510-865-3678 Tom

NISSAN 300ZX 1988, metallic blue, leather, 127K freeway miles, new everything, runs beautifully, \$6000 (510)547-1854

SAAB 900 Turbo Convertible, 1993, Power, leather, CD, alloys. 17K, one owner, records, \$28,500 263-6014

SEIZED CARS FOR \$175

Porsche, Cadillac, Chevy, BMW's, Corvettes. Also Jeeps, 4 Wheel Drives. Your area. Toll free 1-800-219-9000, ext. A-7057 for current listings

TOYOTA, Celica, 1989. Excellent condition, new brakes, cruise control, power steering/brakes, air condition, AM/FM cassette, 5 speed, \$5600! best offer. Must see! 652-4034

BULLETIN BOARD

As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer a free Giveaway and Lost ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks)

201 Announcements

BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclair office, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland. 510-548-9046

SPONSORS needed to send local woman to Guatemala with donations for women's grassroots organizations and teach self-healing practices. Also needed: school art supplies, medicines and sewing goods. Linea 510-548-9046

206 Found

THREE Young Cats. Neutered black and white with under, seal point female and Maine coon male (510)530-6655

LAB mix(7), tan/white chest, November 5, at McDonald's by K-Mart at High Street 707-556-8363

DOG sighted, Berkeley/Sausalito, November 5th, 9 p.m., medium-large, golden, short-haired, pointed ears. 528-2484

BIRD, very colorful, possible parakeet(?) love bird(?) Hiller Highlands 649-3025

DALMATIAN, male, neutered, 2 years old 530-6665

207 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless animals. Need food, cages, litter, traps. Marc 510-444-3204

ASSORTED, in ground shrubs/vines, healthy, but no longer in this garden's design plans 531-8122

SWEET Rottweiler, companion Elderly man; adorable Shetland mix children; Border Collie/Children 357-1300

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401 Help Wanted

MR. Mopps Children's Book and Toy Store hiring for Christmas with year-round possibility. Some college preferred. Phone for manager for appointment 525-9633

NIGHTINGALE NANNIES

"We're Different From The Rest!" Flexible hours. Competitive salary. Experience preferred. References a must. Training through San Leandro Adult School. Call 510-737-4222

NORTH Oakland insurance agency is seeking a customer service representative, successful candidates will be proficient with general office skills and window based computers. Excellent verbal and written communication skills a must. Knowledge of accounting a plus. Send resume to: P.O. Box 11125, Oakland 94611 or fax to 510-652-9422

OFFICE help, small Grand Lake real estate office Computer, math skills a must. 16-20 hours weekly. Flexible daytime hours. Resume helpful. Call 465-5031

OFFICE help, 2-6 p.m. daily in busy childcare center. Phones, errands, accurate typing, good English and organizational skills required. Resume to: AOCIS, 3035 Brookdale Avenue, Oakland 94602

OFFICE Person, heavy customer contact and phones, responsible, reliable. Fax resume to: 841-1467

OPTICIAN, license preferred. Mail or fax resume: Franklin Optical, 411 30th St., Oakland, CA 94609. Fax 510-836-3517. Phone 836-2355

OPTOMETRIC assistant, full-time, in Albany family practice, good people skills. Fax resume: 510-524-2370

PAPER grader to help teacher, part-time. Non-smoker, car needed 297-4015

PART-TIME ACTORS

Comedians and great personalities to teach comedy traffic school, \$12 hour, for 20-30 year olds. Call 510-748-0126

PART-TIME Retail Clerk. Some bookkeeping experience, busy computer store needs responsible self-starter. Days Mondays through Saturday 9-3 p.m. Call Beverly 522-4921

PRINTER Duplicator 135 experienced operator for high volume quality shop in Hayward. Good pay. Fax resume to: Marilyn, 510-887-3914

PRODUCE Market now hiring full-time and part-time clerks. Experience necessary. Call Ron at 510-621-8208

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RESTAURANT Servers/ hostess wanted for lunch. Apply in person, 1800 Madison, Oakland

RETAIL

EARN EXTRA HOLIDAY \$\$\$ NOW

Great opportunity for energetic people with exceptional customer service skills. Many positions available in the Oakland Area. To apply please contact Tem Productions at 510-446-7800 or Fax resume to 510-446-7804

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RETAIL McCaulou's Department Store. Montclair has openings for full-time/ part-time sales associates. Free parking, employee discount. Convenient, pleasant atmosphere. Apply in person at 6211 Meadow Place, Oakland

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RETAIL men's clothing store near Albany Hill has immediate openings for a detail-oriented individual, full-time and part-time. Must be able to work weekends. Call 528-2196

RETAIL Sales, Part-time. Peerless Coffee seeking enthusiastic self-starter with sales experience Saturday a must plus 14-16 hours, Monday-Friday flexible. Hourly \$9.75-10.75

SALES, floor covering, full-time, benefits. Salary plus commission. Will train. Immediate availability. Busy Berkeley location. Fax resume: 863-2115 or contact Caryl, 510-883-2111 for confidential inquiry.

SALES- Fortune 500 company expanding- self-starters looking for big dollars/ great benefits in San Francisco Bay area. AppleOne, 833-0210

SALES- Outside/ Inside Orders Training- Construction Products Type 925,000. Laser Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland 94612

SECRETARY/ Administrative Assistant for established Oakland general contractor. Knowledge of MS Works and Excel. Timberline experience helpful. Excellent written and verbal communication skills required. Submit resume to: 1600 Broadway St. 350, Oakland 94612 or fax to 510-268-9647

SECRETARY/ Assistant Responsibilities: correspondence, phones, errands, driving, household management, knowledge of East Bay. Monday-Friday, 10-6 p.m. Fax resume, references, salary requirement: 510-548-2463

SILK-SCREENER, 6-12 months. Full-time, Berkeley \$50-177 hour plus benefits. Previous work experience. Health and 401K benefits. Resume process. Provide technical support for processes. Layout boards, make signs, etc. Fax resume: 510-352-4608

TEACHER for pre-school/ school age, Alameda, 12 units ECE or equivalent plus 3 years experience teaching required. New facility, learning center environment. Full-time/ part-time. 788-3437

TEACHERS, aides Before and after school childcare/ enrichment program. Arts, crafts, sports, music, drama. Health and 401K benefits. Resume to: Adventure Time, Box 5009, Berkeley, CA 94705

TEACHERS/ Substitutes BA required. CBEST preferred. Call Mrs. Radick, Piedmont Unified Schools 420-3611 EOE

TEXTBOOK coordinator needed at Merritt College Bookstore. Experienced bookseller/ buyer preferred, job includes textbook management, some shipping/ receiving and cashiering. Apply in person at 12500 Campus Dr., 125R Building, Oakland

THE Faculty Club at UC Berkeley is looking for an Administrative Assistant in a busy office environment with ability to work with Word 6.0 and Excel. Good phone and people skills. Fax resume to Felix Solomon, 510-540-6204

TUTOR for Havens second grader, Math, English, \$7 hour, 4 afternoons weekly. Leave message, 655-1168

UNIGLOBE Total Travel has an opening for a travel professional with at least 3 years of Apollo Field Point experience. The position will serve high volume corporate accounts. International skills a plus. Call Bev for appointment from 0800 to 1400. Resume required at interview.

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WAREHOUSE Assistant needed immediately. 12-4 p.m., Monday-Friday in Berkeley. \$7/hour. Must be able to lift over 75 pounds, drive forklift and have UPS entry experience. Call Corey at 548-1378

WHOLE Earth Access, Berkeley. Christmas sales people and cashiers needed. Call Bridget 510-845-3000 or fax 510-848-0326

WORK with team providing intensive early intervention for child with developmental disabilities. Behavioral therapy experience helpful but not necessary. Training provided. Work Monday and Wednesday afternoons, possibly more Jan, 482-8590

402 Independent Employment

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TRAVEL AGENTS WANTED

Part-time/ Full-time, no experience needed; training is provided. Call 510-794-1267

\$1,000's POSSIBLE READING BOOKS Part-time at Home. Toll Free 800-218-9000, ext. R-7057 for listings

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403 Salon Opportunities

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TWO stations; hair station, manicure station with space for pedicures. Busy, friendly salon. 521-9530

405 Employment Exchange

RELIABLE foreign student, will provide 10-15 hours/week housework, childcare, for room. Araya 653-3611

406 Employment Wanted

BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 548-5627

CENTRAL American refugees seek employment in housecleaning, gardening, childcare, painting, moving. Skilled and reliable. 864-9011

NEW mom with 5 years administrative experience wants to work from home with business person needing part-time assistance. Call Leslie at 510-865-2979

CHEERFUL woman, 64, seeks part-time relief, domestic (also type, pay bills). Domestic references 841-2458

407 Employment Information

RESUME: Make yours clearly reflect the job you want. Susan Urquhart-Brown, Career Counselor, 531-2071

408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted

SPECIAL Education aide 9 year Cerebral Palsy student. Positioning, feeding, driving. Utilities experience. Piedmont 933-2273

RELIABLE attendant for disabled professional woman. Oakland/ Piedmont. Friendly, reliable. Fluent English. 428-1831

COOK wanted for low fat meals, 2 or 3 nights per week in my Oakland Hills home, dinner served approximately 6:30. 530-7268 after 7 p.m.

PIEDMONT family, 2 boys 8 and 11 needs English Speaking helper to run errands, carpool, light housekeeping, cooking a plus. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 7-11 a.m. and 2-6 p.m. with flexibility for some evening babysitting and occasional weekends. Need car for only your transportation. Excellent conditions. Fax resume with references: 510-465-5522

409 Childcare Wanted

NANNIES

Many jobs, full-time, part-time, live-in, live-out. No fee. Moms Away, 589-9195

FULL-TIME nanny, live-out, for 4 month child in Montclair. Excellent wages and transportation and be comfortable with large dog. 339-8807

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CHILD CARE needed Monday- Friday for twin toddlers in Alameda. Live-in/out 522-6309

LIVE-OUT childcare, Thursdays and Fridays, 4 month old boy. CPR, CDL, references, non-smoking. (510)523-8797

PART-TIME babysitter needed for newborn twins, experience required. English speaking. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9-11 p.m., Thursday, Friday, 2-6 p.m. 482-0325

THE NANNY NETWORK

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AI Pair, French speaking Berkeley family, 2 school aged kids, live-in. Salary plus car. 510-526-5321

CROCKER Highlands childcare. Twin boys 5 years. Requires car, fluent English. Before/ after preschool. 835-4141

410 Shared Childcare

NANNY to share with our 4 month old daughter 614-9945

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FINANCIAL

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FOR SALE

601 Antiques & Art

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602 Appliances

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603 Garage & Estate Sales

GARAGE SALE ADS?

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605 Home Furnishings

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Buy 2 or more custom mini-blinds this year and we will clean them free of charge next year. We call Marsh interiors at 569-7540 for details

ITALIAN leather couch with armchair, cream and glass tables with decorative iron pedestals (coffee, sofa, and table), \$1700; Dining table, butchery lacquer with chairs (2), \$200; Italian entertainment center, black lacquer, \$150. Call 511-7642

ESTATE Sale: 6' contemporary sofa and love seat, Irish linen covering, excellent condition. Other items. Call after 4:30 p.m. 655-5034

ELEGANT Crate and Barrel matching furniture set: off white; love seat, arm chair plus ottoman; \$350 or best offer. 510-548-0554

ELEGANT Mahogany oval dining table, 6 chairs; China cabinet/ beveled glass. Like new. \$1200. 482-1088

DANISH modern 7 piece living room set and stereo cabinet system, excellent condition together/ separately, \$1275 or best offer. 223-2274

DINING table, handcrafted, solid cherry, Queen Anne style with leaves, seats 8-10, includes table pad, \$995. Entertainment unit, handcrafted, painted pine, English hunt scene detail, \$1900. Both pieces top quality. 482-1596

SIX foot, Autumn print sofa, never been used, \$500 or best offer. Must sell. 652-4034

LOVESEAT and Hide-a-bed sofa, practically new, good condition, brown pad. \$250. 339-9454

MATCHING living/ dining set, \$1000. Pictures set, \$900. Both less than 1 year. Lamps, bed room. Moving. Call for details. 547-3822

606 Miscellaneous For Sale

FIREWOOD: Autumn, Special: \$135/ mixed cord Oak, almond, walnut available. 5900 Coliseum Way. Daily 635-1779

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OAK Bookcase \$630, \$200. Oak/ Walnut Executive Desk, 72x36, \$500. Merlot phone system, \$300. 510-638-4496

CHINA: Syracuse, "Dogwood", large set. Perfect condition. 510-654-3768. Leave message

607 Miscellaneous Wanted

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609 Pets - Care & Supplies

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San Leandro & South

760 SAN LEANDRO attractive, quiet, 3rd floor, 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, carpet, new downstairs. 530-7527.

COTTAGES FOR RENT

760 OAKLAND & PIEDMONT
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760 ROCKIDGE, 1 bedroom, big yard, very private living. Pets okay. 658-6787.

HOMES FOR RENT

760 ALAMEDA
8600 ROCKIDGE, 1 bedroom, big yard, very private living. Pets okay. 658-6787.

2 BED. HOME RENTALS
Alameda

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Out of Gas...



by Karen Senzig

I was thinking about car names and one of my favorite cars the other day, day dreaming as it was. Big Bertha was more than a van, it was our home for a year between 1976 and 1977.

Big Bertha wasn't big as vans usually go, certainly not camper vans. A converted German made 1970 Ford Transit Van, we bought it from an American Air Force pilot, by the name of John, at Bitburg, Germany who used to race in the Formula Ford circuit throughout Europe (when he wasn't racing around in F-15 jets). He had bought the van brand new and illegally converted it so that he could pull his race car and he could camp at the racetracks. Now, he didn't know it was illegal to do a van conversion until he sold it to us for \$1500.00. At that time, when Americans bought new cars in Europe they registered it with the military force they were serving with and received "green plates" (license plates were so colorful in Europe) which designated them as American military.

Scott and I were never military people (although I was a Marine Corps brat) and therefore took Big Bertha to the German authorities to get registered (since we would be unable to cross the various borders without showing proper vehicle registration). They explained that we needed to strip the van of all the improvements so that it was as it left the factory. Only factory authorized improvements were allowed. We were devastated.

Whenever faced with a dilemma while in Europe (and in the States as well) we'd find

a pub and over a pint we'd talk about it. The Germans have some of the greatest Beer and Wine bars in the world (as well as some of the greatest beer and wine) and all of our problems seemed to evaporate once in their cozy environs. We began talking to one of the locals and detailed the problem. He told us "no problem" - just take the van to Luxembourg a few kilometers away and they'll register it! For a price they would register anything.

So we drove to the fairy tale country of Luxembourg and its capital Luxembourg City. We held our breaths at the border since we were still driving with military "green plates", only had civilian American passports and we were literally smuggling the van into Luxembourg. Fortunately, we looked pretty American and the only thing they wanted to see was our International Driver's License. We sailed right through.

If you think the California DMV is a nightmare, the Luxembourg bureaucracy makes it look efficient and organized. After going through

3 different offices of self important bureaucrats who spoke English with a crisp authoritative accent of the Luxembourgese (kind of a cross between German and French) we were sent back to the first official for the inspection. We were informed that we had to leave the van over night and they would give us the results in the morning.

That was the night we spent in the haunted hotel. Mind you, we didn't have a lot of money for this trip and had come to Europe with the book Europe on \$5 per Day or something like that, and after buying the van we figured we could live it up on a budget of \$10 per day. So, we found this very inexpensive hotel, the kind with the bath and toilet down the hall, with a very quaint and clean room with 18 foot ceilings and three flights up. The room was equipped with two small round tables, a couple of chairs and a bed with a feather pillow mattress. All night long we heard doors slamming, voices rising in laughter and wailing and we thought okay, this was one of those hotels where the hookers

hung out. We made sure the door was locked and finally fell asleep despite the racket.

The next morning we found the oddest thing. On one of the small round tables where we had placed both of our passports and assortment of paperwork for the van registration were completely soaked, as if we had knocked over a glass of water, which we hadn't. The other table was completely dry. Odder still, the top sheet of our bed was also completely soaked, but not the bottom sheet or the quilt above it. We searched the room for cracks and secret doors. The lock on the room door was still secure. We never figured it out but took our sodden documents and headed for the inspectors office.

The inspector informed that yes they would register the van, but not before we paid

him \$700 to fix the rust on the frame. Our hearts fell as we watched 70 days evaporate from our trip. We decided to hitch hike back to Bitburg to see if John would pitch in. It was almost half of what we paid for Big Bertha to get with. I wish I had said to you that story but still, say, we convinced John to come up with \$400 of it. We hiked back to Luxembourg (this all took a week's time) and the money was a bribe and got Bertha back the same way with its bright yellow license plate. It was then that our adventure really began.

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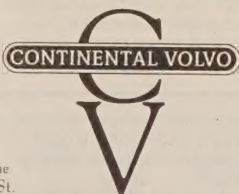


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